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FOREWORD

War-time shortages, both of materials and manpower, have taken their toll so far as the Helicon is concerned. During a few weeks of the winter the editor had visions of a book with no cover as the publisher received notice that the paper usually used for the cover would not be available, in spite of the fact that it had been ordered in the late summer. Eventually, however, a sufficient amount of covering was located and that hurdle was taken successfully.

As was done last year, the size of pictures was cut to a minimum in order that paper might be saved without the sacrifice of any material sent for publication. Due to the extreme difficulty experienced by the publishing house in obtaining a sufficient amount of help the books did not come off the press as early as desirable but the important factor is that no one could stop us in our effort to publish a year book—probably the only place in the world today where such a project could be carried to completion.

There was no shortage of honor, however. In July of 1944 Ruth Hancock was notified that the Helicon which she edited in 1943 was accorded honorable mention by the National Federation of Press Women at their meeting held in Evanston, Illinois. This recognition was won deservedly and all Psi Otes will join with the present editor in expressing pride and affection to Ruth.

My sincere appreciation goes to all corresponding secretaries, chapter presidents, members of Grand Council, the staff of the publishing company, individual contributors and to the service people who so promptly responded to my request for material or help, even though their days already were crowded with essential activities. This book is YOUR book—a recounting of YOUR efforts and of YOUR accomplishments—and evidence of the fact that Psi Iota Xi is a leader among women's organizations.

—LEAH FLINT.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Quiet elegance of the Shoreham overlooking Lake Michigan, the spaciousness of French Lick Springs Hotel, the lure of Lake Manitou, the lazy resort atmosphere of the Spink Wawasee, the collegiate air of Purdue University—these convention settings suggest the happy, carefree progress of Psi Iota Xi during the first five years I spent on Council. Then came the war conferences, purely business sessions, at the Severin, significant for its location near the Indianapolis Union Station, when curtailment of social events was the keynote, though the work of the sorority had doubled. This June the Hancock front porch probably will furnish the simple background for tabulating various votes mailed to Council.

Through all these phases the steadfastness of Psi Iota Xi in carrying on its philanthropic and cultural projects, in addition to the innumerable hours given to war services, has been notable. Surely every chapter can be proud of its record in helping to keep its hometown a wonderful place to come home to in the victorious days not too far distant.

This year the chapter messages have so much to tell that I am reluctant to call this a "president's message." Rather, let it be my grateful acknowledgment of the splendid personal interpretation that every Psi Ote is giving of the old gold and turquoise blue—worth and loyalty.

—RUTH HANCOCK.

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CHAPTER ROLL

NORTHERN PROVINCE

Kappa, Kokomo	1908	Beta Gamma, Peru	1929
Rho, Angola	1916	Beta Delta, Van Wert, Ohio	1929
Pi, Fort Wayne	1919	Beta Epsilon, Mentone	1929
Phi, Huntington	1920	Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne	1930
Chi, Brookston	1921	Beta Nu, East Chicago	1934
Alpha Delta, Decatur	1922	Beta Xi, Crown Point	1934
Alpha Eta, Bluffton	1923	Beta Rho, Goshen	1935
Alpha Mu, Hartford City	1925	Beta Psi, Delphi	1939
Alpha Nu, Markle	1925	Delta Zeta, Lafayette	1940
Alpha Xi, Logansport	1925	Gamma Beta, Remington	1941
Alpha Rho, Garrett	1926	Delta Eta, Detroit, Mich.	1941
Beta Alpha, Flora	1928	Gamma Zeta, Ossian	1945

CENTRAL PROVINCE

Alpha, Muncie	1897	Beta Zeta, Summitville	1930
Delta, Indianapolis	1904	Beta Eta, Centerville	1930
Theta, New Castle	1908	Beta Theta, Eaton	1931
Upsilon, Greenfield	1920	Beta Iota, Farmland	1932
Omega, Lebanon	1921	Beta Pi, Cambridge City	1935
Alpha Zeta, Thorntown	1923	Beta Tau, Frankfort	1936
Alpha Iota, Richmond	1924	Beta Upsilon, Mt. Vernon, Ohio	1937
Alpha Lambda, Zionsville	1924	Delta Epsilon, Muncie	1937
Alpha Phi, Fortville	1928	Beta Chi, Waynetown	1939
Alpha Chi, Hagerstown	1928	Gamma Alpha, Portland	1940
Delta Beta, Indianapolis	1929	Gamma Delta, Attica	1941

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Epsilon, Columbus	1904	Alpha Tau, Petersburg	1927
Zeta, Bloomington	1906	Alpha Upsilon, West Baden	1927
Iota, Rushville	1908	Alpha Psi, Washington	1928
Sigma, Greensburg	1917	Alpha Omega, North Vernon	1928
Alpha Beta, Seymour	1922	Beta Beta, Sullivan	1928
Alpha Epsilon, Jeffersonville	1923	Beta Kappa, Bloomfield	1933
Alpha Theta, Charlestown	1923	Beta Lambda, Bedford	1933
Alpha Kappa, Franklin	1924	Beta Mu, Brownstown	1933
Alpha Omicron, Vincennes	1926	Beta Omega, New Albany	1934
Alpha Pi, Scottsburg	1926	Beta Sigma, Austin	1935
Alpha Sigma, Princeton	1926	Beta Phi, Shelbyville	1938

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PSI IOTA XI CHARITY REPORT

January 21, 1945

RECEIPTS

Balance October 8, 1944	$1,546.09	
Received from Northern Province	1,095.00	
Received from Central Province	1,175.00	
Received from Southern Province	1,210.00	
Quarterly Interest on Government Bonds	37.50	
Total Receipts		$5,063.59

EXPENDITURES

National Surety Bond	$ 7.50	
Miscellaneous Expense	1.31	
Total Expenditures		$ 8.81
Balance Jan. 21, 1945, Ft. Wayne National Bank		$5,054.78

March 18, 1945

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 21, 1945	$5,054.78	
Hoosier Salon Fees Received	25.00	
Charity Fee Received	50.00	
Quarterly Interest on Government Bonds	25.00	
Final Payment on Scholarship Loan	175.00	
Total Balance and Receipts		$5,329.78

EXPENDITURES

Hoosier Salon Expense	$ 32.78	
To Howard Harrington, Manager Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra	500.00	
To Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association for 3 Purchase Prizes @ $100	300.00	
Total Expenditures		$ 832.87
Balance March 18, 1945, in Ft. Wayne National Bank		$4,496.91

ALDA JANE CARSON,
Charity Chairman.

OUR SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

"I have to go to the Dunlap School in Elkhart County next Tuesday to give away a calf," was the rather amazing statement made to us by our dignified president while we were en route to Bluffton. Although we realized that Ruth is called upon to do many different chores in her capacity as head of our organization, we failed to see exactly where a calf fitted into the jig-saw thus presented. After our surprise had been expressed in no uncertain terms we gradually learned the following human interest story which will be of vital concern to every Psi Ote — and which will be a matter of pride to all of us.

We begin with the following letter:

"Washington, Indiana,
"March 1945.

"Dear Miss Flint:

"Our president asked that I write you concerning the enclosed clippings which Mrs. Hancock suggested you might be able to use in the Helicon. Since I am the oldest active member in our Washington chapter and served twelve years as charity chairman and two years (1942-44) as president, it was felt that I am more familiar with this case and can give you the information more easily.

"I have been interested in Ray Boyd's case ever since he first entered school and I have kept in constant touch with his family. Our chapter purchased a Ra Vox hearing aid for him to use at home and at school and paid his expenses at the Clinic two summers. Our funds having been inadequate the past two years, we have asked National to pay his tuition. Thus he has had four summers in Bloomington.

"His instructors all say he is outstanding in his desire to learn and in progress made. He is an eager, bright little fellow, and, having watched his progress, I can see what a wonderful thing our work in the Speech and Hearing Clinic has been.

"Ray's parents have been very cooperative always. I asked his mother to have the Prairie Farmer representative call to discuss their interest in Ray but never heard from him. I was curious to know how and why they became so interested in him. It certainly gives one pleasure to know that our project is doing so much good. . . .

Sincerely,
Martha Ward."

Then in the Prairie Farmer, September 1944, we find the following headline:

"Unable to Talk at Nine, Boy Now Has Even Chance If . . ."

The article by Bill Renshaw goes on to tell that when Raymond Boyd was born nine years ago in Daviess County, Indiana, the chances were at least ten to one that he would never learn to talk. He was almost deaf and, not being able to hear spoken words, he found it impossible to imitate speech. It looked as if he were doomed to go through life a mute. At six years of age the bright-eyed little fellow, who reflected intelligence in everything he did, had a vocabulary of only ten words, understandable only to his family.

The article further says that state legislation was passed requiring the administration of audiometer tests to determine the hearing efficiency of school children. (You may recall that Maurice Early in his column in the Indianapolis Star, gave Psi Iota Xi much credit for helping to bring about the passage of this law.) The Daviess County officials obeyed this law and employed a sympathetic young woman to use the remedial and correctional devices necessary. The first tests showed that Ray had no hearing in his right ear and only 40 per cent in his left ear. Then Psi Iota Xi became interested in Ray and sent him to the clinic at I. U. By the end of the course his vocabulary had increased to seventy words.

Miss Margaret Hawthorne was at the university taking a summer course when Ray's case attracted her attention, especially in view of the fact that she had been hired as a speech and hearing teacher in a Daviess County school. When school started in the fall, Alpha Psi purchased a little electrical device known as Ra Vox, and patiently Ray and Miss Hawthorne, with the aid of the machine, worked hour after hour mastering words until Ray could use about two hundred words. Miss Fagan and Miss Hopkins have carried on from where Miss Hawthorne had to stop, and today Ray's future is much brighter than it was three years ago. It is hoped that this keen-minded little fellow can learn lip-reading. Right now he needs a good hearing device badly. If his father's health will only hold out he may be able to get it. Mr. Boyd was one of those who gave his health to us in 1918 and he is now able to work for the first time in many years but he is still very frail.

Of Ray his teacher said: "He might make a splendid farmer; he loves the out-of-doors and takes an unusual interest in farm animals."

Next, in the Washington Democrat, under date of March 1945, we find a picture of a beautiful pure-bred Guernsey calf, "Speed Ridge Bess Robin," with the explanation that it would be given to Ray Boyd by the Elkhart County Guernsey Breeders' Association. The members of this organization had read about Ray in the Prairie Farmer and had expressed a desire to give him the calf in order that he might participate in 4-H Club activities. They planned to have the presentation on the Prairie Farmer's Dinnerbell program Tuesday, March 20, 1945, 12:00 noon to 12:30, over station WLS, Chicago.

This was where Ruth entered the picture. She was asked to make the presentation speech, representing Psi Iota Xi. Being unable to be present at the appointed time, however, she asked Alda Jane to pinch-hit for her, and as a result the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, March 20, 1945, carried an announcement as follows:

"Talk on Speech Clinic Scheduled."

"Mrs. Howard Carson will speak on the 'Summer Clinic for Speech Correction of Indiana University' from 12:00 to 12:30 o'clock this afternoon over radio station WLS, Chicago. Mrs. Carson is a member of Psi Iota Xi, whose state charity project is the clinic."

Next in our little story is a letter from Alda Jane, who says:

"Dear Ruth,

"I hope you heard the program Tuesday. I had quite a trip. . . .

"I took a bus at 6:40 in the morning, the only other one being at 10:42 which didn't reach Goshen until 12:30. I got to the Goshen Hotel at 8:40 and chanced upon Mrs. Boyd and Ray in the lobby. Mr. Renshaw took us out to the Dunlap School, at least six miles from town. The broadcast was from the gymnasium. I had plenty of time to write and rewrite my speech about three times.

"The enclosed clipping appeared in both the News-Sentinel and Journal-Gazette, and several of the Psi Otes here heard the program.

"A Tri Kappa in the audience came to me after the program and complimented us on our work. A farmer told me about his nephew who is six years old and can't talk. The nephew lives near Mentone so I am sending the boy's name to the girls there. . . .

"Sincerely,
Alda Jane."

And then back home for Ray and his mother! There the Washington paper of March 22, 1945, had another bold lead line:

"4-H Meeting Last Night at School. Nearly 250 in Attendance to Honor Ray Boyd, Who Won Heifer."

Here we pause to say, God bless Ray's staunch little heart — God bless his understanding parents and teachers — and thank you, God, that we, as Psi Iota Xi members, have had our share in the development of this handicapped child.

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I. U. SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

The following letter from Dr. Robert Milisen, of the Speech Pathology Department of Indiana University, written to our Charity Chairman, gives us an excellent insight into the problems handled in the clinic and brings us to a greater realization of the enormous amount of work waiting to be done:

Mrs. Howard B. Carson
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Dear Mrs. Carson:

Perhaps you would be interested in reporting to the Council one of the cases located in Indianapolis. This little girl was twelve years old, had a medium-severe articulation defect. She was not getting along well at school and was not getting along well at home. For the most part the other children did not like her and she made very little effort to gain their friendship. She had very severe temper tantrums and was a prevaricator of the first order. She not only lied continually but would stick to her lies in the face of thoroughly convincing and contradictory evidence. She was destructive when her path was crossed. For instance, after swallowing a bobby pin one time, necessitating the medical center on the campus to take x-rays in order to locate the pin, she refused to take mineral oil. When two of the nurses insisted that she take it in order to be sure that the pin passed through her body, the little girl took the bottle, threw it on the floor, and practically disrobed one of the nurses in the process. She was a hypochondriac to the point that she could and did assimilate most of the abnormal conditions that could be found in the clinic. At the time when we were testing her for hearing, she said that she could not hear, and we were unable to get a good hearing test from her until we told her that we were trying to find out if she had enough hearing to learn how to dance. We found that she had normal hearing in one ear. When given the routine reading test and the Keystone telebinocular test, she was found to have very poor eyesight. However, final check up by the eye specialist in town showed that she was faking the visual deficiency. She developed a stuttering condition for a while and many physical illnesses from time to time.

At the end of the summer all of us felt that we had failed with the child in spite of the fact that we had spent many hours working with her individually, talking to her, reasoning with her, discussing problems, and in spite of the fact that everyone in the clinic took his turn at trying to reach her. When she left our recommendations said that the child had not shown very much improvement in her general behavior although her speech had improved quite a little bit and that we felt that the only hope for her was that she be examined and treated by a psychiatrist. It is rather interesting to note that now she has been in the school system for approximately seven months and the school system was shocked and surprised when they received our report because she had made such a tremendous change in her general behavior. They tell me that she has had only four or five major upsets this winter and none of them amounted to very much nor did they last very long, and for the most part she is doing well in school, is friendly with the teachers and children, and is rapidly being accepted by both.

On the other hand we had a child from Fort Wayne who was a very severe problem of speech and general adjustment. He did not mind, would not follow any reasonable set of rules that we outlined for him. He had many ways of resisting disciplinary procedures, such as teasing other children, screaming, destroying articles, going limp so that he had to be carried wherever he was to go, taking off his shoes or taking out the laces and losing them, refusing to assume a part of the clinical program in which he might be working with two or three other children but instead demanding complete attention.

By the end of the summer he had made some improvement. He was in general much more quiet. He was frequently willing to accept rules that were set out for him. He would try to speak with more clearness and was beginning to enjoy playing with other children rather than being excluded by them as had been the case previously. Those of us in the clinic felt that he had made a good deal of improvement and that although the work was not completed that our time was well spent even though we had had a rather strenuous time with him. The reaction to this case after he had gone home was that he was in a worse condition than when he came here, and the persons who sent him here were rather discouraged.

So I am citing these two extreme examples to you to show why it would be very helpful if some of the members of your organization could avail themselves to us to advise us on some of our problems and to observe some of our problems. I do feel that any organization which is willing to invest its money in a project has a right to first-hand knowledge of that project, and I wish to assure the Psi Otes that they are welcome to visit us at any time.

Very sincerely,

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Clinician in Charge.

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Dr. Milisen and his co-workers in the clinic extend to all Psi Otes a cordial invitation to visit the clinic whenever they are in Bloomington. Dr. Milisen feels that such visits would be mutually beneficial as they would result in constructive suggestions from a lay point of view and would provide a better insight into clinical problems involved in the handling of our cases.

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SYMPHONY TUNES

Psi Iota Xi again this year gave excellent support to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for the concert season of 1944-45. Again it was not possible for out-of-town subscribers to attend in as great numbers as desirable, but season ticket purchase was at a high level and the tickets were turned over to service men and women who attend in constantly increasing numbers. Miss Elsie Sweeney's generous annual gift, combined with our chapters' tickets, continue to make Psi Iota Xi the largest organization contributor to the orchestra.

Many letters have been received from the recipients of our tickets and the enjoyment and gratitude expressed in them make us very grateful for the opportunity to give this pleasure to the service men and women who are on assignment in Indianapolis and vicinity.

This past year's concerts were excellent with such guest artists as Heifetz, Kapell, Rubinstein and Thorberg scheduled to appear, and next year's extended program promises to be even better. The concert attended by Grand Council members was on Sunday afternoon, January 21, and we were enchanted with the exceedingly brilliant performance of William Kapell, young pianist, and of the Symphony Orchestra under Favien Sevitzky's outstandingly capable direction.

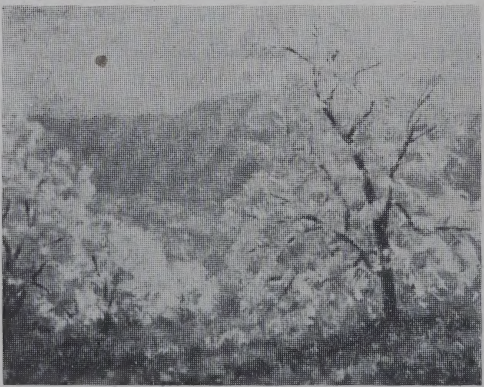
Our symphony chairman, Margaret Retherford, is also chairman of the women's organizations divisions of the State Symphony Society; Mary Glenn, a member of Delta, is executive secretary of the women's committee; Elsie Sweeney of Epsilon is ticket chairman for the Southeast Regional Board; Carrie Shuck, our conductress, is treasurer of the same board; and Lorene Powell of Epsilon is chairman of young people's concerts division.

SALON NOTES

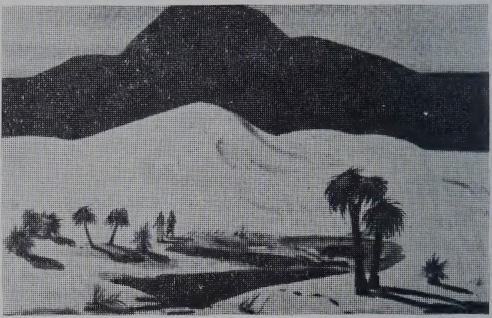
The 21st annual Hoosier Salon was held in the auditorium galleries of the William H. Block Company in Indianapolis, under the auspices of the Hoosier Salon Patrons Association, January 22 through February 3, 1945. Psi Iota Xi again offered $300 to be awarded as purchase prizes to three outstanding artists, and the sorority is now the proud owner of these pictures which will be allotted to a chapter in each province, by drawing, at our June meeting. These awards are as follows: Clam Diggers by Henrik Mayer; Blossoms by Dale Bessire; White Sands of Alamogardo, New Mexico, by Floyd D. Hopper.

The jury this year was composed of Rudolph F. Ingerle, a distinguished Chicago artist, born in Vienna, Austria, and winner of many prizes; James Topping, outstanding landscape painter and lithographer of Oak Park, Illinois; Allen D. Albert, Sc. D., Director of Sheldon Swope Art Gallery, Terre Haute, Indiana; Mrs. Lynn Miller of Lafayette, Council Adviser of Tri Kappa; and Mrs. E. J. Hancock of Greensburg, Grand President of Psi Iota Xi.

Our own Margaret Retherford of Delta is secretary of the Salon Association, and Martha Moore of Thorntown and Dorothy Morton of Lebanon are trustees. Irene Conarroe, Earlyn Young, Ruth Hancock, Margaret Retherford, Martha Moore, Dorothy Morton and Virginia Hall are patronesses.



BLOSSOMS — Dale Bessire



WHITE SANDS AT ALAMOGARDO, N. H.
Floyd D. Hopper

Patron chapters and their presidents are as follows:

Alpha, Muncie, Mrs. Raymond H. Morrison.

Alpha Chi, Hagerstown, Mrs. Mary Alice Armstrong.

Alpha Delta, Decatur, Mrs. James Ehinger.

Alpha Iota, Richmond, Miss Madeleine Nicholson.

Alpha Mu, Hartford City, Mrs. Harold Markin.

Alpha Pi, Scottsburg, Miss Hazel Gillespie.

Alpha Sigma, Princeton, Mrs. Lawrence Wirtz.

Alpha Upsilon, West Baden Springs, Mrs. James Wells Fouche.

Alpha Xi, Logansport, Miss Ruth Leigh Pollard.

Alpha Zeta, Thorntown, Mrs. Stanley Barker.

Beta Iota, Farmland, Mrs. Aleeta Wright.

Beta Nu, East Chicago, Mrs. Orville V. Starstead.

Beta Omega, New Albany, Mrs. Clarence Benjamin.

Beta Phi, Shelbyville, Mrs. Thorl Griffith.

Beta Pi, Cambridge City, Mrs. Frederick W. Jaehne, Jr.

Beta Psi, Delphi, Mrs. Harold Thayer.

Beta Tau, Frankfort, Mrs. Dale Orem.

Delta Beta, Indianapolis, Mrs. Pauline Wirick.

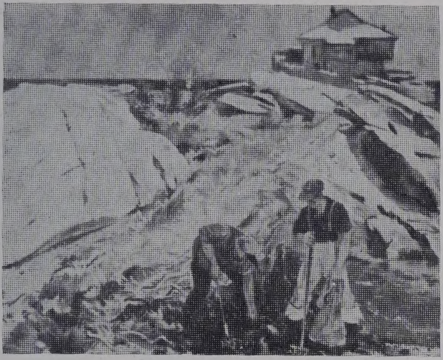
Epsilon, Columbus, Mrs. J. D. Young.

Gamma Beta, Remington, Miss Edith Little.

Omega, Lebanon, Mrs. Robert O'Neil.

Rho, Angola, Miss Louise Helme.

Theta, New Castle, Mrs. Kenneth F. Pope.



CLAM DIGGERS — Henrick Mayer

"FIRSTS"

Editorial orchids go to chapters as follows: Covington—the first to send Helicon fees; Van Wert—the first to send chapter report; Bluffton—the first to send president's picture; Alpha of Muncie—the most orders for Helicon.

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FRANKFORT PSI OTE CHOIR

The Beta Tau Choir is "tuning up" once more for a Frankfort concert in May. After an extended period of inactivity due to gas rationing, the loss of several members through marriage and moving away from Frankfort and a choice soprano joining the Marines, Issy Reichart rounded up the remaining members, added new ones and acquired the services of a charming and efficient accompanist, Ilma Cresap.

The choir started rehearsals in the fall for their annual Christmas contribution of music to Frankfort audiences. Immediately following on the program was an early March concert at Hillisburg, held in the Methodist Church there.

Looking back through former programs, one is reminded of the steady growth in popularity of this Psi Ote Choir regardless of the war intermission. Organized in 1938 by Mrs. Joseph Reichart, studying with Virgil Phemister in Indianapolis, working steadily for improvement and gaining recognition from A. P. Stewart of Purdue, who took over the direction of the choir until transportation difficulties intervened, have been important steps in the history of the choir. Under the direction of Mr. Stewart concerts were given in Indianapolis, Lebanon, Elwood, Lafayette and Thorntown in addition to the annual public concerts in Frankfort.

Mrs. Carl Sims of Frankfort, for many years an outstanding leader in music here, is the present director. Capably filling this position, she is conducting rehearsals at present for the May program.

Looking forward to the return of some past members, the choir will continue, even though reduced in number, as long as Isabel Reichart finds the time and inspiration to "carry on."

FRANKFORT PSI IOTA XI CHOIR

Front Row, Left to Right: Zara Gee, Helen McGill, Helen Blinn, Rose Beatty, Helen Erdle, Martha Wainwright, Isabelle Reichart, Margaret Hyman.

Back Row, Left to Right: Edna Robison, Janet Kerchenfaut, Norma Farr, Judy Hodge.

Two members not in the picture are Gretchen Gunion and Mary Briggs. The accompanist is Ilma Cresap.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Psi Iota Xi Sorority
Care of Mrs. Mary Havens
Columbus, Indiana

Dear Girls:

The lovely box of Block's candy reached me well before Christmas and I was so happy to receive it. Of course, quite a lot of food and candy came in just at that time and so I decided to share your gift with the patients. I knew you would all approve of my decision. We had a competition among the wards for the best decorated room. The Colonel appointed a committee to decide the winners and he himself presented the prizes. Fortunately, our wards were not very full at that time so your three boxes were each an adequate prize for one ward. The men so appreciated real box candy which they don't often see. Their chocolate all comes in bars. The winning wards had started with our initial contribution of cut out candles and stars for all the windows, enough holly for a wreath and as much red and green crepe paper as they wished. Then they added boughs of greenery that they had secured, did fancy things with the lights and even made little gauze curtains covered with stars. Each ward had a Christmas tree given them and the decorations had to be made. It was amazing to see how ingenious the men were. At a distance the trees looked quite like the ones we have at home but close up you could see that everything had been manufactured on the spot. To distribute our arc gifts we fixed up a donkey cart with crepe paper and had a real donkey draw it through the wards. The donkey was the sensation of the morning when she climbed the stairs to the second and came down again under her own power. Accompanying her were an opera singer and two children who gave out the gifts to the patients. We had a regular procession of patients and personnel following us as we went from ward to ward. Other Christmas activities included a Christmas carol party which the men seemed to enjoy and carol singing on the wards on Christmas Eve accompanied by arc doughnuts and coffee.

Best wishes to you all and many thanks for the candy. The patients loved it.

Clementine.

CLEMENTINE MILLER, RED CROSS STAFF WORKER FROM COLUMBUS

Clementine, who is an accomplished violinist and a niece of our Elsie Sweeney, entered Red Cross service in May, 1943. She had eight weeks of training in Washington, D. C., after which she went overseas in July. She has been in Africa, Sicily and Italy during her eighteen months of service and she is now due for a furlough and is expected home at any time.

PAT GRIFFITH
Captain, WAC
Somewhere in the Philippines

Captain Griffith, whose home address is 162 No. Second street, Scottsburg, Indiana, is a member of Alpha Pi Chapter and a sister of Elwynne Griffith, past Grand President, and of Mrs. J. Ross Jackson, Jr., both member of Alpha Pi. After graduating from DePauw University, Pat was connected with WHO Radio Station, Des Moines, Iowa, until she joined the army in November 1942 as a private. She graduated from Officer Candidate School in April 1943 and was sent to Army Special Service School at Washington and Lee University. From there she was sent to Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation, Virginia, where she served until her transfer to the staff of Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, Director WAC, in Washington, D. C. In April 1944 she was one of the first seven officers to report for duty in Brisbane, Australia. She has served in New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea, and was one of the first WACs to land in the Philippines on November 26, 1944. Many of you probably heard the radio announcement of her landing at that time.

To: Editor of the Helicon,
Psi Iota Psi Magazine Publication
From: Somewhere in the Philippines
Leyte Island.

Dear Psi Otes:

It's been a long time since I attended a Psi Ote meeting. It's been a long time since I've done lots of things, such as wear a dress (khaki slacks are order of the day here), drink a glass of milk, eat a nice green tossed salad, have a warm tub bath . . . but in addition to C-rations, army life in a tent, outdoor latrines, cold showers, and always mud, I've had 25,000 or more air miles on almost every kind of army plane since leaving the States in April of 1944. I have ridden on top of mail sacks and cargo, in bucket seats, slept on the floor, and on one trip enjoyed the comforts of a 'luxury liner' with real reclining seats. My service itinerary includes Australia, New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea and now the Philippines.

My home these days is a perimental tent under coconut palms, located on the beach . . . which isn't as vacation-resortish as it sounds. The beach leaves much to be desired . . . our tents have dirt floors and no lights. However, a few native mats woven from palm leaves, candles stuck in bottles or tin cans, some burlap and a bit of material carried from Australia, mixed with a great deal of ingenuity and manual labor, make the place look very attractive and reasonably comfortable. Our offices are buildings of nipa . . . nipa being plaited palm leaves tacked up for siding with strips of split bamboo. Actually it makes a very attractive camp.

Assigned to General MacArthur's headquarters, referred to as GHQ, my job is concerned with WAC Public Relations in this theater, and through this assignment I have met many interesting and famous people.

Yesterday I made a trip to a nearby village. A large cathedral had been taken over for an evacuation hospital . . . the natives still come there to worship and it is a most impressive sight to see them in their native dress kneeling among the rows of white cots where lay our wounded men. Outside in the churchyard is a fenced off area enclosing rows of small white crosses marking the graves of our American dead who fell while wresting this area from the Japs. On our way back we stopped at the dock . . . litters bearing wounded back from the front lines were being lifted off an evacuation ship and carefully handed into ambulances waiting to speed them to the nearest hospital. Witnessing this grim reality of war reminds us daily of the importance of our jobs here.

I have noted with interest the work the Psi Otes are doing among the hospitals at home and feel sure it is appreciated.

We all look forward to that return ticket to the United States and a long rest at home.

Fraternally yours,
PAT GRIFFITH,
Captain, WAC
Somewhere in the Philippines.

WAR TONE

I thought of war as noble
—Like a knight in armor bright
As the glow of sunlight
On a blue expanse.
The hero, a youth,
Innocent, and strong of heart,
No foolish fears
Of deeds long past,
Looming like weeds
Among green grass.
It was like a dream,
Hollywood in approach,
With adjectives supplied.
War was noble,
War was grand,
An outlet for ideals of man.
Each could fight,
Each could kill,
To bend the other to his will,
Or perish in attempt.
And so I lived
Within a fantasy of dream,
Mingled with desire.

War is like a grim spectre
On a horse of midnight hue.
Hollow eyes bore into your back,
Leaving you bared
Like a burlesque queen
At the end of her act.
There is the same indistinctness
About war
As a castle
Veiled in mist.
One does not know
Where imagination ends,
And realism begins.
Your brow is cold,
Too much like that
Of the corpse upon the ground
That stares at you
With eyes,
Glassy and round.
War is evil,
War is bad,
War is a mixture
Of the sad
With moonlight tears,
And broken hearts
And longing to be home.
And yet there is
A something there
That leaves its spell
Upon the air,
And brands the hidden spirit.
Silhouetted in the doorway of the future
Against the bright, white light of day,
Stands the shadowed form of peace.

SGT. HARRY E. HOFFMAN, Jr.,
15304504,
137th Signal R. I. Co.,
APO 339, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

This poem was not written by a Psi Ote as you realize from the name of the author (but maybe he will marry one!). It was written by a very young man—a college student—who had to leave his studies to answer the call of his country. His poem is highly indicative of the sort of thinking being done by many other such youths, most of whom may not possess Harry's power to express his deepest thoughts so clearly.

The editor appreciates the permission granted for the use of the poem and extends to young Hoffman and all of his buddies the sincere hope that they will be able to come back home soon, happy in the knowledge of a duty well done.

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JOYCE HUNNICUTT
Of the District Legal Office,
Great Lakes,
and a Cambridge City Psi Ote.

Great Lakes, Illinois
December 12, 1944.

Dear Sorority Sisters,

Greetings to one and all at this holiday season. I will be thinking of you and your Christmas party and just wishing that I could slip away and be there for this gala occasion. Perhaps one of these times I will have a 48-hour pass for Sunday and Monday instead of Saturday and Sunday and attend one of the meetings again.

My work here at Great Lakes is very interesting. As some of you know, I'm with the District Legal Office and working for the Legal Assistance Officers. The work consists of lots of dictation, making legal documents of all kinds, as well as other general work connected with any office. Our working hours are from 0800 until 1630 Navy time, or 8:00 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. civilian time.

We live in large brick buildings formerly used for the sailors' ship's company before they added the WAVES to this Navy. We have four dormitory wings with rows and rows of double deck bunks in each and a double locker where we keep our clothes. The recreation rooms are between the dorms on each of the two floors, with bright colored leather furniture, tables and chairs, library shelves, lamps, radio, and a record player. On the main deck they have a ping pong table that we can use at any time. Our laundry facilities are in the hold (basement) and most of us do our own so it keeps us busy most of the time.

We usually eat in the chow hall but if we want a change we can go to the Hostess House, a cafeteria. Usually on Sunday mornings we sleep late and then go there for breakfast before going to church. Our church services are conducted in Ross Auditorium for officers and guests, ship's company, enlisted personnel, and service school students at 1045 each week. There are many services that are conducted at different places on the station each Sunday for Protestants, Catholics and Jews. The Bluejackets Choir sings at ours and it always gives me a thrill to hear them. It seems as though their voices blend together so well that it almost sounds like one big organ.

I'm singing with the WAVES Choir of about 40 to 45 members and we practice twice each week for an hour. We're singing all sorts of numbers—patriotic, semi-classical, and specialty numbers. On Sunday, the 17th of this month, we are going to broadcast with the Bluejackets for the first time. Maybe some of you have heard that program at 10 a. m. from WBBM or a CBS station.

Our liberty is very good here. Really, it probably will sound like a civilian job with a uniform since we have liberty every night from 1630 until 0800 the next morning and each weekend from 1630 Saturday until 0800 Monday morning. At our office we have one afternoon off each week (which makes 5½ days for working) and one 48-hour pass each month, but that does not apply to every office on the station. I was just lucky that I was assigned to one that has those privileges. I have spent several weekends in Chicago and we usually stay at the Service Men's Center on Michigan Avenue. They have all sorts of things to do; dancing, eats, recreation rooms, reading and writing room, and tickets to most of the downtown shows and concerts, and it is all on the house. Really I can truthfully say that any tickets that are given for the use of service men and women, such as the Symphony tickets you purchased, are really appreciated. I've had the privilege of seeing three operas—two in Milwaukee and one in Chicago—besides some other entertainments such as the 1945 Roller Skating Revue and they also are going to have some tickets available for the Sonja Henie Ice Revue during the holidays.

I have had some reports of your activities from different ones and the National Road Traveler and it sounds as if you're really busy and accomplishing things. The best of luck in all that you do.

I think this pretty well sums up my doings without making this a book so again I say a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Sincerely,
Joyce Hunnicutt.

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WAVE Y 3/C Evelyn Chalmers Seward

Evelyn, a former teacher in the Columbus schools, is now serving as a Yeoman in the offices of Barin Field, Naval Air Training Base, Pensacola, Florida. She entered Hunter's College on October 5, 1944, and at the finish of her boot training was assigned to her present position.

Always a lover of sports, Evelyn is a regular on Barin Field's basketball team. She is also one of a class of twenty, studying Spanish under a sister WAVE who is a qualified instructor.

The location offers great interest in the proximity to New Orleans and to the open house of the Emmetts, a widely educated and traveled family. This delightful large old southern mansion offers hospitality to the WAVES during week ends.

With the church of one's choice, the best in entertainment and the most fascinating of surroundings, Evelyn thinks that serving in the United States Navy is more of a pleasure than a duty.

McCloskey General Hospital
Temple, Texas
January 22, 1944

Dear Vera,

I understand that you would like a little information regarding my work in Red Cross. It's a difficult thing to describe, but I will do my best.

I suppose every woman in service feels that her job is intensely interesting and that she couldn't be doing anything more to her liking—and I'm no exception. Red Cross seems to be my niche in this war and I love every minute of it. My duties keep me so busy I haven't time to feel sorry for myself. But enough of this selfish chatter—I will try to tell you something of our training and work.

On the first day of October I arrived in our over-crowded capital for three weeks training. We were housed in hotels, three and four to a room. This was bearable because we spent so little time there. We attended classes from 8:00 to 5:00 learning about recreation, social work and the working of the military. In such a short time as you can guess, we barely scanned the surface. In the few remaining hours between lectures, we shopped and were fitted for uniforms. Being small, I made several extra trips to the shopping district to have my uniforms refitted. We are issued three gray seersucker hospital uniforms, a winter suit and hat, seersucker suit and hat, two white blouses and a coat. We buy a rain coat, bag, black and white oxfords and anything else we might need—which is plenty.

I asked if I might be sent to Wisconsin, Michigan or Illinois (Indiana not being in the Midwestern area) and in true Army fashion, I was sent to Texas. However, that was not a surprise as Texas has more hospitals than any other state in this area. Texas!—the capital of the world and the land of sun, rain and MUD!

Camp Hood (in the middle of Texas but close to nowhere) was my first assignment. It is one of the largest camps in the U. S. The station hospital there has 1500 beds—which is a large hospital. Most of the patients are camp casualties or the usual run of sickness—very few overseas patients. Because we were short staffed each girl had plenty to do. I visited 23 wards (30 men to a ward) daily—talking to every patient, finding out what he needed, what his problems were, trying to make his stay there as comfortable as possible. We sent telegrams, shopped in Killeen (pop. 1500), picked up money orders, cashed checks, distributed razors, blades, cigarettes, matches, combs, toothbrushes, paste, shaving cream, magazines, books. All these items are gifts from the American Red Cross.

We verify emergent conditions at home for the military so soldiers may leave on emergency furloughs; send health and welfare reports to families about their sons and husbands; make loans and grants when necessary; trace clothing and check on back pay. We do everything the patients are not able to do for themselves. As a so-called social worker, my biggest job is helping the men with any problems they may have—and they have 'em.

On every staff are recreation workers who do a wonderful job. They plan ward movies, birthday parties, take pianos and field organs out to the wards and have quiz programs. One girl sketched portraits. For the ambulatory patients they have something in the Red Cross building every afternoon and evening—movies, patient talent shows, USO shows, camp shows, jam sessions, canteen parties, coffee hours, bingo parties, ping-pong, billiards. There is a nice library, lounge and auditorium where all these activities take place.

Christmas was wonderful. How we survived the hard work and long hours, I'll never know. We decorated every ward with trees and the usual trimmings, not to mention the R. C. building. We planned special parties and programs. Christmas Eve we had a movie, then a party with Christmas cookies (not like Mrs. Conklin makes), and coffee. After the patients returned to their wards we pushed heavy chow carts loaded with gifts, supplied by clubs and individuals all over the country, to each ward and gave every patient at least two gifts. By this time we were walking on our knees. (I might add that my 23 wards covered a corridor a mile long.) It was well worth our effort—those men appreciated everything so much. Christmas Day we held open house and served egg nog—minus the nog—in our lounge. We dressed in dinner clothes to add a festive note and to try to break the usual army routine for the day. We sang carols to the accompaniment of the field organ, and though it was a balmy rainy day, there was a slight hint of Christmas in the air. The day after Christmas we closed the building for repair—and repairs for the staff.

December 27 I was transferred to McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, Texas. A general hospital is much larger than a station hospital and McCloskey is second largest in the U. S. I believe there are 4000 beds. As you know, it is the amputation center of the world. Neurosurgery is also specialized in here. The work here is different as most of the patients are overseas men and all are serious cases. You might think they would be depressed and bitter—but they're not. They have more courage and are the best morale builders I've ever seen. Regardless of their condition there is always someone far worse than they. These men don't feel sorry for themselves—they think about their buddies over there and how tough it is. They feel sorry for the guy in the next bed—his injury is worse than his own. They're determined to get well and go back to duty.

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You should see the men walking on their artificial limbs for the first time. It breaks your heart. It's painful and they try so hard—but they won't give up. We have dances for amputees—arms as well as legs. They do wonderfully and they're so proud of their accomplishments and the progress they make. Their biggest jolt comes from civilians who stare and extend well meaning sympathy which they don't want. They want to be accepted as a normal human being—not as a freak. True, you can't ignore their injury. We kid with them about it, compliment them on the things they can accomplish with their handicap—but never say we're sorry.

Perhaps you've gathered by this lengthy epistle that I am thoroughly wrapped up in this work—I am.

I will certainly be glad for the day when this is over and Walter and I can relax and enjoy life and be with our friends in Bluffton again.

Sincerely,
Peggy Hamilton.

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HUNTINGTON HELPERS
Left to right: Ann McClelland, USO; Roberta Tower, Betty Endsley, Charlotte Lofland, Nurses' Aids. Read Betty's letter.

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January 31, 1945.

The Helicon
Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

Being a nurses' aide is very interesting work and gives you training that will always be valuable. I now have 240½ hours in at the Huntington County Hospital and hope to give many more. The need for nurses is very great and every hour that can be given helps tremendously.

The Red Cross needs workers, too. It gives you such a feeling of satisfaction after spending an evening at Red Cross, knowing that each bandage you have made will be used to help heal the wounds of our boys. I have only 25½ hours of surgical dressing and intend to put in many more.

Sincerely,
Betty J. Endsley.

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From a former Delta member comes this interesting letter:

January 3, 1945.

Dear Psi Otes:

I will never be able to express how thrilled I was with the lovely gown I received from you for Christmas. It was so beautiful.

Three of us who have worked together for quite some time saved all our gifts until Christmas Eve and had a little tree and a good, old-fashioned Christmas. My gift from you stood out above them all.

I have enjoyed being in the WAVES so much. I celebrated my first year in November. I have learned so much in this last year and have enjoyed some of the happiest days of my life. There are so many grand people in the service and I have had an opportunity to meet a great many of them.

After completing Control Tower School I was retained here as an instructor and have remained here in Atlanta since. My work has been so closely related to aviation, pertaining to the control of air traffic, that I realize in no other way could I ever have had such opportunities. I have also gained a tremendous amount of passenger hours in line with my work. I am called upon to go up and handle what is called a "stack" of planes in connection with instrument flight instruction. In other words, by radio from one plane I give the instructions to three or four other planes as to where they should fly and at what altitude. A year ago I wouldn't have believed it possible.

May I wish each and every one of you much happiness in 1945. Keep Psi Ote going strong, and I hope it won't be too long before I can be back helping.

Sincerely,
Mildred Bacon, Sp. (Y) 2/c
Box 24, Naval Air Station
Atlanta, Georgia.

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From a Garrett Psi Ote comes this very interesting letter:

Fletcher General Hospital
Cambridge, Ohio
25 December, 1944

Dear Girls:

Who put the bug in your ears that "Readers' Digest" is my favorite magazine? I was truly pleased when I received the card informing me that I'm going to get the mag during 1945. I've already received the January issue.

After two and a half months in the Army, I'm beginning to feel less of a "rookie" and more of a soldier. One learns fast in this man's Army! The "rookie" still sticks out in me—I sometimes forget to say "mess hall" instead of cafeteria.

I like Army nursing so very much. Morale among the boys who have returned from overseas is amazingly high. When we see them accept their handicaps so very cheerfully it makes us feel so ashamed to realize that we gripe so much at so little.

I can't thank you girls enough for remembering me during the holidays. It was a very sweet gesture and I do appreciate it.

Best of luck to all of you and happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Nancy Elaine Wilfong
2nd Lt., A. N. C.

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MARY M. JUSTICE
Member of Alpha Xi at Logansport.
See her letter!

February 5, 1945.

Dear Girls:

Over a year and a half ago, when the WAVE organization and the chance to serve appealed to me, I volunteered whole-heartedly. I have never regretted that decision. There have been times, naturally, when a discharge might have sounded enticing. Nevertheless, on the whole it is and has been a satisfactory life.

Never for a moment does the Navy forget its WAVES are, first of all, women. We have attractive uniforms (of which we are proud), live in comfortable barracks, and eat wholesome food. Recreational facilities are numerous, particularly in a large center like this one. Our Whiting Field is one of seven that make up the Pensacola Training Center. And above all, we have our work!

In most cases the girls have been placed in work that they can do and that they like. This satisfaction makes it possible to tolerate small annoyances that naturally go with a community this size.

My rate indicates that I am a Second Class Petty Officer in the specialized field of teachers. My work happens to be instructing cadets and officers in instrument and radio work in the Link Trainer. The combination of teaching and aviation makes an exciting profession. We work directly with each student and can see the results of our efforts.

When once again I am a civilian, I could handle any of numerous types of work in the coming air-minded world. However, like most of the WAVES, I shall probably be very ready to add the second ring to my left hand and turn my attention to home tasks. Nevertheless, if my fiance should get rusty on his flying, we could set up a Link in the basement and I could send him through the paces!

Sincerely,
Mary Justice, Sp (T) 2/c,
WAVES Barracks,
Whiting Field,
Milton, Florida.

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CORP. MARJORY SMITH,
WRS 16 MCAS, Cherry Point, N. C.
Member of Beta Tau, Frankfort.

Beta Tau has given a splendid member to the Lady Marines, Marjory Smith. Reports are she is making a fine name for herself and we jointly salute her.

The following is a letter from our member who is in the Marines.

January 8, 1945.

Dear Patience,

I received your letter today and decided not to procrastinate—one of my New Year's resolutions.

I hardly know where to start in telling you of my activities in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. As I look back over the year's active duty, it seems that only yesterday I was entering boot camp at Camp Lejeune, N. C., but yet I'm inclined to refer to myself as a regular "salt," so one could assume that the time has gone rapidly and pleasantly. Well, it has, and I'm very happy that I can be a part of such a wonderful branch of service.

The chief idea of women in service is to release a man for combat duty. Until very recently I could not fulfill that purpose, for, as you know, a certain number of us was necessary in our own administrative system. As it happened, I was assigned to the classification unit and went through several weeks of schooling. Then followed months of processing the boots, interviewing them in order to find out their civilian occupational and educational background and assigning them according to those qualifications.

About the end of July, when the quota of 18,000 women Marines had been reached, boot camp began to close. So it was that my work at Camp Lejeune came to an end. I was transferred out of line duty into aviation and sent to Cherry Point, largest Marine aviation base on the East coast, to continue classification work.

Coming to Cherry Point was quite a let-down I thought as I looked the place over for the first time, but just because the barracks were built of wood and not of brick was no reason to feel badly as I learned later, for we're happiest when we are doing the work we like. And the friends here are just as nice as those we had at Lejeune.

My work here has been not so much interviewing as assigning girls to aviation jobs. But again our work came to an end when approximately 2600 girls had been given definite jobs. So about the first of the year I was transferred to the Ninth Wing Personnel Section and at last I can brag that I released a man for combat duty.

That, I think, takes care of my day time activities. As for extra curricular activities, well, I might say that we have a splendid recreational department, and let that suffice. In fact, there is so much for us to do on the station that we seldom seek entertainment in the small neighboring towns.

In short, let me say that I could recommend the Marine Corps for all of you if it weren't closed.

I'm enclosing a snapshot taken of me in winter uniform and one in summers—but I'm not very photogenic.

Best regards to all of my sisters,

Marjory.

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MISS ARLENE VAN AUKEN
Angola

Miss Arlene Van Auken has been in Washington, D. C., since July of 1944, where she is Assistant Chief, heading the Club Extension Training Unit for Red Cross overseas workers at American University.

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One of the many "Somewhere's"
in France
December 29, 1944.

Dear Psi Otes—

Thank you all so much for the delicious fruit cake which I found under my little Christmas tree. It was a very good cake but even better and more appreciated was your thoughtfulness in sending it to me. I had looked forward to Christmas with a little dread since it was to be my first away from home (yes, I know I'm a BIG girl now) but with such nice greetings from my friends "in the Old Country" it was really a most enjoyable one.

To go down the main street of any town in France before Christmas was almost like walking down Broadway in Peru—the stores were decorated highly and the crowds of shoppers were about the same as Senger's on Saturday nights. The main difference here is that I still have some difficulty in bargaining with these French merchants and strange as it may seem they just don't "compris Indiana" any better than I "compris" French. However, the franc is a wonderful conversationalist and usually brings the transaction to a successful close—that is if one has enough of them. The French celebrate the holidays much in the same fashion as we do with their church services playing the predominant part and lots of visiting. They use the trees and evergreens in the same way and take quite an interest altogether.

Thanks again to all of you and here's wishing each and everyone a most happy and successful New Year—may the treasury always show a nice credit balance!

Most sincerely,
Pat Drinkard.

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Huntington, Ind.
Jan. 31, 1945

The Helicon
Psi Iota Xi Sorority

Having developed a deep interest in doing volunteer work to aid the war effort, my interest led me into busy days and nights. The numerous projects I chose have been beneficial to my own improvement of knowledge which is always compensation!

Six days a week my time is spent at my war job as a secretary; various nights are devoted to Red Cross surgical dressings (85 hours completed); blood donor (3 times); nurses' aide (243 hours completed); and those forever important letters and boxes for the servicemen are the main interests I have at the present.

Knowing all our wishes are for that colorful day of Peace, may we all link arm in arm and help where and when we are needed!

Sincerely,
Charlotte V. Lofland.

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Goshen Psi Otes are very proud of one of their new members, Mildred Baker. Her work in Red Cross has been phenomenal. She began in the sewing room the week before war was declared and worked there every week for a year and a half. For the past two and a half years she has not missed a single Wednesday afternoon in the surgical dressing room where she is monitor. She is more than that—she calls herself "Chief Sacker." She checks and packs all the bandages for this area. That is quite a task.

The girls have been volunteering to work at the ration board for four hours every Thursday for the past year and have been wonderfully faithful. And of course we all knit and do all the other little war time jobs as they come along.

All in all, it has been a good year.

BETTIE and BILLIE BASSETT
Angola

Bettie and Billie Bassett are WAVES in the Hospital Corps, and received their initial training at Hunter College, The Bronx, New York, and at the U. S. Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

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MARY TOWNS,

A nurse in the WAVE, serving in the States. Beta Phi of Shelbyville claims her.

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

BETA SIGMA CHAPTER

Austin, Indiana

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NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Garland Langdon, Mrs. Scott Hubbard, Opal Law, Janet Helms.

NEWS LETTER

In these days when each job and each industry is accelerated, Psi Otes of Beta Sigma Chapter have found that they too can crowd more into each day. This year, with more husbands, sons and brothers in the service, and more of our girls working in war plants or carrying on a business at home, we still find time for the work and fun of our sorority. We have remembered the old adage of "all work and no play" and hence, have lightened our busy days with an occasional party for good times' sake.

In February we were made conscious of our aim for the "study of best literature" when we were entertained so delightfully at the home of Catherine Langdon by a potpourri of familiar poetry given by Marjory Middleton, English teacher of Lexington.

In April the Austin Choral Club, organized and composed of a number of our members, gave a musicale of Stephen Foster songs with Mary Guynn as hostess. Her country home with its many antiques made a perfect setting for the songs and biography of Foster. These programs, together with a book review by our good friend, Mrs. Jenette Winkelmann, composed our literary programs for the year.

When May came with its date for our anniversary dinner, patriotic and resourceful girls abandoned the idea of a dinner at a hotel. Each prepared a dish, filled her basket and made her way to Ruth Funk's home where we enjoyed a pot luck supper. The following months brought picnics; one at a roadside park with the new members as hostesses, one at Clifty, and when rain ruined our tables for another, Louise Royce invited us to her home for an informal pitch-in supper and an evening of games and gaiety.

Autumn found us enjoying a Halloween party at the home of Fawn Thomas. Here the girls put aside their dignity, momentarily forgot their cares and found fun and frolic amid ghosts and weird scenes.

Alpha Tau Twin Nurses' Aides
Martha Davidson Holm and Mary Davidson Palmer, Petersburg

December brought the Christmas party and initiation at the home of Helen James. A delicious turkey dinner was served preceding the initiation service and the evening ended with a gift exchange. This Christmas party has become an annual occasion and we all agree that Helen's dinners can't be surpassed.

Now if you see some of our girls trying to do sleight-of-hand acts, it is probable that they are attempting some of Aska the Magician's tricks. We sponsored his show in January and the proceeds brought more money to our treasury than any single project, although we have done many and varied things. We had two rummage sales, a food and white elephant sale, a turkey raffle, a bond auction and we even worked in the sweltering summer sun selling cold drinks at a public sale. With the bond auction we profited doubly as the bond was won by Mrs. Swan, the mother of our president, and she generously presented it to our sorority.

With a portion of our funds we have replenished the first aid cabinets in both our grade and high school buildings, purchased a tuberculosis bond, given support to the cancer fund, and purchased a Symphony ticket for the use of service men.

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To do our part toward victory has been the thought uppermost in each girl's mind throughout the year for there is hardly a member who does not have someone from her family in the service. We have purchased $200 in bonds, given to the War Relief Fund, and to the Red Cross. Yet, surpassing our donations in money, have been the services given. Many of our girls are employed at Morgan Packing Plant which is engaged in canning foods for the armed forces. Some have served as solicitors for the War Fund drive. Others have given services in the work of our county Red Cross organization, and many have given blood for the blood bank.

Yes, the girls of Beta Sigma are working and are giving and each shall continue in an effort to serve her best until Victory comes to us all! That this may be in '45 is our greatest and most sincere wish.

BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Bedford, Indiana

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NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Leon Motgomery, Miss Jean Maddox.

NEWS LETTER

"The House of a Thousand Candles" was almost literally the scene of Beta Lambda's most beautiful Christmas party held this year in the lovely home of Louise Standish. The chapter first enjoyed a turkey dinner served in the private dining room of the Greystone Hotel, then went to Louise's home where candlelight set the mood for a real old-fashioned Christmas party complete from stunts to carol singing. Katherine Hunter, Bess Smith, and Florence Taggart were other members of the committee.

Monthly social meetings were deemed unnecessary in this strenuous year and that time has been devoted by our chapter to making surgical dressings at the Red Cross rooms. Ruth Montgomery, Beta Lambda, is in charge of all surgical dressing work in Bedford. We usually have a brief social time following our business meetings, however, and we have found that fewer parties seem to make for better parties. Only three parties were scheduled: Halloween, Christmas, and, in the spring, we will have our usual anniversary party.

Money-making has been accomplished chiefly through rummage sales (that old stand-by) and white elephant sales, together with a recent bake sale. White elephant sales, conducted last winter and spring within the chapter, proved very worthwhile financially as well as providing much hilarity. Our many "auction hounds" responded in no uncertain manner!

From the number of tiny garments to be seen taking shape in the hands of Psi Otes, at meetings and elsewhere, one might suppose the number of blessed events scheduled soon to be something for Ripley. But alas! it is just another commercial scheme! Beta Lambda is planning a sale of baby clothes before Easter, the garments to be exhibited first in a downtown window.

Our local charity project, a dental clinic for the grade schools, has made few demands on us in the last two years. This past year we have had only one case. Under the direction of our charity chairman, Mabel Brooks, we have been alert for needs arising in the community, but they have been few. The latest project has been that of furnishing some extras in clothing and toys for a family of underprivileged children. Consequently, our efforts and our funds have gone toward furthering the war effort which is the chief concern of all of us until that happy day when victory is won.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Streamlining our own social program for the year has enabled Beta Lambda to devote alternate meeting nights to making surgical dressings at Red Cross headquarters. Naturally, members devote many other hours to this work. We are particularly proud of Ruth Montgomery, head of surgical dressing work, and Edna McKnight, chairman of volunteer special services for the Red Cross.

A war activities chairman has been added to other committees this year and Harriet Heard has done a fine job as our current chairman. Furnishing hostesses for the Service Canteen on Thursday nights and donating cake and cookies weekly to this project have been interesting and worthwhile.

Psi Ote always responds for every wartime need, helping with the blood bank, working on bond drives, buying bonds—both as a chapter and individually, not forgetting the smaller, less glamorous jobs of saving waste fats, tin and paper for salvage.

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1. Elizabeth Free Tolbert, Vincennes
2. Mary Etta Clore, Franklin
3. Pauline Stephens, Sullivan
4. Helen Brightwell, Jeffersonville.
5. Mrs. Jack McIntyre, Bloomfield
6. Hazel Gillespie, Scottsburg
7. Mary Deterle, Bloomington
8. Mrs. James Wells Fouche, West Baden Springs
9. Mrs. Thorl Griffith, Shelbyville

BETA KAPPA CHAPTER

Bloomfield, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Jack McIntyre
Vice President	Mrs. George Jackson
Secretary	Mrs. Glen Yoho
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Harry S. Young
Treasurer	Mrs. Marshall Miller

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. R. F. Summers, Patricia Foddrill, Ruth Ranard, Mrs. Judith Ann Hull Huffman.

PLEDGES

Mrs. Clifford Shepherd, Mrs. Eskel Beasley, Mrs. Thomas Morgan.

MARRIAGES

Judith Ann Hull to Pfc. Rodney Huffman, Ethel Willey to Howard Geiff, Sara Emma Battle to Lyle B. Tribbett, Clotilde Carroll to Frank Wells.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Marland G. Haines, a daughter, Patricia Kay, August 9, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Combs, a son, Gilbert Roscoe, September 5, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Richmond, a daughter, Kay Adair, March 7, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Eskel Beasley, a son, James Eskel, July 21, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Milo Moffett, a daughter, Linda Lee, June 11, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Kappa Chapter has tried to do its part in the war effort during the year of 1944. Most of our members have a husband, sweetheart or brother in service. We have worked at the Red Cross surgical dressing headquarters, at the Red Cross blood bank, and many of our girls donated blood. We helped to canvass the town during the Fifth War Loan drive and War Stamps have been sold at each business meeting. A donation of $25.00 was also made to the War Relief Fund by our chapter. Several of the girls have knitted for Red Cross.

Initiation services were held at the home of Mrs. Ruth D. Owen for four new members, Mrs. Raymond F. Summers, Miss Patricia Foddrill. Miss Ruth Ranard and Miss Judith Ann Hull. After the formal ceremony we were entertained by the new members who gave a clever skit.

In the early fall we had a rummage sale and cleared $73.90. Our old stand-by, the annual chair raffle, was very successful.

Boxes of delicious home-made cookies were given to the inmates of the County Poor Asylum at Christmas by our chapter. Each box was attractively wrapped in Christmas wrappings.

Deciding to try a new method for making money, we obtained information on Household Paper Products. As we have only started selling these products, we can not say how successful it is. However, we do feel that it is a money-making project and the articles are very useful.

Our officers gave the annual Christmas party. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was greatly enjoyed. Christmas carols and a grab bag highlighted the evening's entertainment.

ZETA CHAPTER

Bloomington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. D. Lyle Dieterle
1st Vice President	Mrs. Cyril T. Hagan
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Alfred Evens
Secretary	Mrs. James A. Barnhill
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Carl G. F. Franzen
Treasurer	Mrs. J. L. Knowles
Conductress	Mrs. C. A. Cauble

NEW MEMBERS

Paula Bollenbacher, Marion Gregory, Claire Hepner, Patricia Benckart, Betty Harlos, Mrs. Harry Davidson (transferred to New Albany chapter), Mrs. Jesse B. Coon, Mrs. Culleton.

BIRTHS

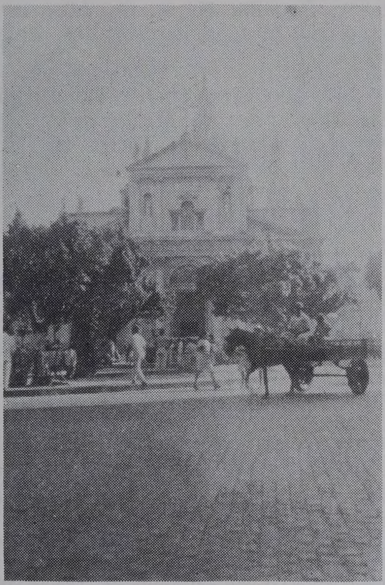
To Mr. and Mrs. D. Lyle Dieterle, a son, Donald Paul, April 11, 1944; to Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Dean J. Call, a daughter, Susanna Bledsoe, Feb. 2, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Braden, a daughter, Mary Beth, Nov. 20, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

The Thrift Shop continues to be the only money-making project of Zeta Chapter in Bloomington. Due to the support of the members in contributing material to be sold and working hours to keep the shop staffed, we are able to meet our regular yearly budget and to give to other community needs as they arise.

A poll of the war activities of the group finds us all busy in Red Cross, rationing, Girl Scout leadership, USO and many other things that make demands upon time these days. One of our members is assistant director of the USO that serves more than 25,000 men and women each month. One member is program director of the USO and others are on the board of directors; still others give time regularly each week as hostesses.

Purely social meetings have shrunk to a minimum. We had a beautiful Christmas party at the home of a young woman whose husband is overseas. In the early spring we plan to have small group luncheons, as we have done with great success for several years. These luncheons have sometimes been followed by a general meeting later in the afternoon.



These two pictures, "Mosaic Sidewalk" and "Market and Church Proca" were taken by Bernadotte Robertson of the Brownstown Chapter while she was in Recife, Brazil.

BETA MU CHAPTER

Brownstown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .... Mrs. Roy Clark
Vice President .... Joy Delight Stewart
Secretary .... Mrs. Carl Schreiner
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Cresson Hudson
Treasurer .... Mrs. Wharton Reynolds

NEW MEMBERS

Marilyn Jean Eastin, Margaret Kestner, Mary Alice Kestner, Mrs. Fred Schleter, Mrs. George Vehslage, Jo Ann Gray.

ENGAGEMENTS

Joy D. Stewart to Ensign Kenneth Christopher.

MARRIAGES

Barbara Gray to Lt. Carl Schreiner, Margaret Perry to Fred Schleter, Marjorie Lucas to Oscar Palmer Stabo.

BIRTHS

Twins to Mr. and Mrs. George Vehslage, born August 4, 1944, George Parke and Peggie Marie.

NEWS LETTER

After our initiation service last July we presented our new members to our patronesses and then went "all out" for fun on a scavenger hunt. We bothered many of our good neighbors for many things not seen since the gay nineties.

Feeling that we all needed a little "brushing up" as far as conversational topics were concerned, we chose as our program this year the Ethel Cotton Course in Conversation. Some of the topics discussed were: Guiding Conversation, Getting Acquainted, Overcoming Irritation, Too Tired to Talk?, Humor in Conversation, Camplexes, Home Conversation. All through the lessons vocabulary building, acquiring a cultivated diction and improving the conversational voice, were stressed. We feel that we'll be all ready for the visit of our province chairman when she can meet again with our group. She'd better beware or we'll steer her off of her planned "quizzes."

Many of our Beta Mu girls are participating in the war effort. Esther (Hap) Ball is serving in the WACs and is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Bernadotte Robertson, more familiarly known as "Spot," has returned recently from a year and a half working for Pan American Airways in Brazil, South America. She flew from Miami to Brazil, via Cuba, Dominican Republic and Trinidad, where she was stationed at Belem, near the mouth of the Amazon River, and Recife, on the central eastern coast of Brazil in what is called the health resort section. Later she flew to southern Brazil—Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Santos, Petropolis and Nitcheroy, where she spent a brief time. At one of our meetings we questioned her about her experiences. She told us that she approved heartily of their numerous balconies, daily siestas and their colorful fiestas.

Five of our girls are in the "unpaid class," i. e., they are helping their husbands until office help is again available.

Who says wives are a luxury these days? One has returned to nursing because of the need, six girls are doing essential war jobs until Johnny comes marching home. These are in addition to those who are teaching (one became a woman welder during her summer vacation), completing their schooling and carrying on with the familiar home front duties of home making, church and civic work.

The civic work consists of the usual things such as canvassing, making Red Cross surgical dressings, sewing and knitting. All members are buying War Bonds and Stamps and many are blood donors. The chapter gave $25.00 to the Red Cross, $10.00 to the Salvation Army, $200.00 in War Bonds, and $15.00 to the local fund to purchase Christmas gifts for hospitalized veterans. We donated to the usual charitable enterprises, Tuberculosis Association, Cancer Control, Girls' 4-H Club. We sponsored a President's Birthday Ball which netted $70.78 to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. We are proud to report a Brownie Scout leader, Junior Girl Scout leader and three serving on the Girl Scout Association. They have given 800 hours of their time to the work of this important organization.

We have no new suggestions for earning money, but just continue in the old easy way with rummage sales, an annual raffle and square dances which have become a community event in these parts.

Yes, in spite of all our activity we had some fun too at several card parties, our scavenger hunt, a Sunday morning breakfast outdoors, and our anniversary dinner. A clever amateur radio broadcast formed the entertainment at our Christmas party. Some of the girls discovered hidden talents, much to their surprise. Those husbands and boy friends who are still about were our welcome guests at a picnic supper.

Thus, we gals work and play 'til Victory Day.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

Charlestown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Forrest F. Coots
Vice President	Mrs. Kynard Taff
Secretary	Mrs. William Bibb
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. John M. Morrow
Treasurer	Mrs. Clifford BeVier

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Belle Crum, Doris Mullin, Christine Richey, Leila Bottorff, Sarah Lou Bottorff, Olive Todd, Harriet Gerber, Hortense Bowyer, Lucy Meyer, Kathleen Farmer.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Jean Childers to T/S William Thompson, Miss Mary Belle Crum to A/C Preston Brooks, N. A. C., Miss Earline Hester to T/C Charles Stephen Reich.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Russell, a son, Thomas Wayne; to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Morrow, a son, James Burdette; to Mr. and Mrs. Kiefer Riner, twin daughters, Mary Lou and Marilyn Sue.

NEWS LETTER

When two huge industrial plants were literally thrown into the midst of Charlestown's quiet, retiring populace a few years ago, it was as if a bomb itself had exploded, showering fragments of humanity into every street and yard in town. With them came the opportunity for greater service and friendship, an opportunity which Alpha Theta accepted gratefully and humbly.

Our small chapter settled down to the business at hand and by the beginning of 1944 we were well under way toward a definite program. We contributed $50 to the Red Cross and $50 to the Charlestown Community Council, an organization specializing in wiping out local juvenile delinquency. We also contributed to the Tuberculosis Association and the Cancer drive. Money, food, and clothing were given by way of personal showers for two needy families. Our girls have given freely many hours of work to the USO and the sorority as a unit has sponsored a monthly social at the club.

OUR WAR EFFORT

We have pledged ourselves to work with the Lions Club at any time we are needed to help with the mobile unit of the Red Cross blood bank.

Katherine BeVier, Charlestown's representative for the Kentuckiana Camp and Hospital council, has kept us well informed of the needs of our men in service who are hospitalized at Bowman Field, Nichol's General, and Ft. Knox, Ky. To these men we have sent Christmas gifts, gifts of magazines and toilet articles, and funds for furniture. To a special group of evacuated soldiers passing through Bowman Field we personally contributed money for necessities and luxuries otherwise unobtainable.

Four days before an LST was to be launched at Jeffersonville, a recreation box was needed. The cost was $50. Our

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10. Mrs. A. W. Hurt, Princeton
11. Mrs. Forrest F. Coots, Charlestown
12. Mary Lucille Clark, Brownstown
13. Mary Davidson Palmer, Petersburg
14. Mrs. Howard S. Williams, Jr., Princeton (Had to leave.)
15. Marguerite Buchenberger, Washington
16. Mrs. Catherine Langdon, Austin
17. Mary L. Smith, North Vernon
18. Mrs. Mary Havens, Columbus

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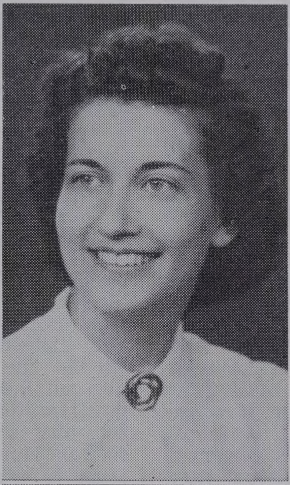

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committee hustled to meet the deadline and came through with the necessary funds and articles for the box.

To raise money for our projects we maintained a booth at the Lions Club carnival, served meals for election boards and contracted for an agency to sell Household Paper Products. The last named venture is being concentrated upon and is proving most lucrative.

While we have emphasized war activities and civic improvement, we still have enjoyed our social contacts. Aside from our usual monthly socials, we entertained the senior high school girls with an old-fashioned breakfast on Izaak Walton Farm at the camp of Edith Hester. In April we conducted pledge services with a tea following. In May the initiation dinner was held at the home of Harriet Lantz. A lawn party honoring our patronesses was held in August at the home of Elsie Bolly. Christmas was observed with a covered-dish dinner, our husbands and friends as guests. Many stayed to attend the dance following the dinner.

The past year has been closed with a feeling of satisfaction, not of perfection, but with the knowledge that we have worked hard and will work even harder for success.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Columbus, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mary Havens
1st Vice President	Marilouise Coons
2nd Vice President	Geneva Lenfesty
Secretary	Peggy Stevenson
Cor. Secy.	Earlyn Young
Treasurer	Dorotha Pearce
Charity Treas.	Betty Hooker

NEW MEMBERS

Grace Howell, Lenore Wininger, Jean L. Woodburn.

MARRIAGES

Helena Marr to J. W. O'Bryan.

BIRTHS

To Lt. and Mrs. John Glick, a son, John David; to Capt. and Mrs. Marshall Prather, a daughter, Susan; To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller, a son, Robert Gordon; to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meek, a son, Edward; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reeves, a son, John Michael; to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hilger, a son, Pat; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilger, a daughter, Becky; to Mr. and Mrs. James Breeding, a daughter, Joyce.

NEWS LETTER

Our business meetings have been interspersed with only a couple of bridge parties and a Christmas party at which we entertained ten rushees who will graduate from high school in the spring. As usual, we had our annual Mothers' Day party and summer picnic.

We have discontinued our regular project of serving milk in the school to underprivileged children. However, we have increased our donations to civic and national war organizations such as $100.00 to Bundles for America, $90.00 War Fund, $150.00 to Red Cross, $75.00 to Foundation for Youth. We are now considering furnishing a room in the new wing of our county hospital.

This had partially depleted our charity treasury and called upon the ingenuity of our members to raise the necessary funds. After much effort was put forth by a volunteer committee, an ideal location was found and a "Thrift Shop" was opened for business. We have found this exceedingly profitable and successful as the chapter has coöperated 100 per cent. We have netted $870.00 in three months. We have also raised a nice sum for our sorority treasury through the sale of Household Paper Products.

As to our war work by the members and honorary inactives—it is very diversified and we are quite proud of the 5,316 hours, dating from May 1st to December 1st, spent in such activities as motor corps, Gray Ladies, ration board, home nursing, Nurses' Aides, surgical dressing, Junior Red Cross, Bundles for America and Britain, Scouting, USO, assisting at blood bank and blood donors, fat collection, and drives for war funds. We are also participating in the War Nurse's Council which has national connections.

We have two members of whom we are especially proud: Clementine Miller, a Red Cross staff worker who has been overseas in Italy over eighteen months. and Evelyn Seward who recently joined the WAVES.

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

Franklin, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Mary Etta Clore
Vice President	Mary Homsher
Secretary	Sarah Garrett
Cor. Secy.	Dora Wolfe
Treasurer	Mrs. Grace Handley

NEW MEMBERS

Laura Bernace Webb, Carolyn McClain, Mrs. Robert Burgett. Mrs. Nelson Parkhurst, Mrs. George Kellams (transferred from West Baden).

MARRIAGES

Frances Ann Wasson to Lt. James Jones, Frances Bryant to Lt. Robert Jones.

NEWS LETTER

Greetings, Psi Otes:

The nearness to Camp Atterbury has made members of Alpha Kappa Chapter particularly "war conscious" this year and our time has been devoted primarily to "those less fortunate about us," rather than to social activities for ourselves.

With this as our goal the girls have responded whole-heartedly and our attendance record has hit a new high! An average of thirty-three at each meeting has been an inspiration to our Mary Etta Clore, wielder of the gavel, this year.

However, our social life has not been neglected altogether and in November we initiated four new members at a beautiful formal initiation. This service was most impressive because the officers taking part had memorized the ritual.

In December we had our annual Christmas dinner and following the dinner the members went in a group to the presentation of the "Messiah" at Franklin College.

With plenty of calls for financial contributions, first we had to concentrate on making our money, but this was accomplished without too much trouble. Our "Thrift Shop" will soon enter its third year of operation and our girls donate their clothing and time to make this a money-making project. This year, two weeks before Christmas, we had a special toy sale. The members brought used toys to our November meeting and the dolls were attired in new togs and the toys were repaired and given a new coat of paint and put in a special display at the shop. This proved to be a very successful venture.

Psi Iota Xi has an interested friend who contributes a turkey to the chapter each year and we sell chances on it for Thanksgiving. Such a display of salesmanship you have never seen and this year we made over $90.00.

MRS. KARL T. NESSLER
Seymour

Having collected our money, we then donated to the Red Cross, the Infantile Paralysis Fund, the United War Fund, the Salvation Army, the Good Cheer Fund and the Girls' Club. We also purchased two symphony tickets this year.

For Christmas we filled gift boxes for the soldiers at Wakeman Hospital at Camp Atterbury and furnished gifts for the ladies of the County Farm. Many of our members have contributed their services as Red Cross workers, USO hostesses, blood donors, Cadettes and Gray Ladies.

Our bank account is being built up now for a substantial contribution to the new hospital which is to be built soon in Johnson County. We have voted to furnish a four-bed ward in that institution.

We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you at convention this year when we will serve as co-hostesses with the Zionsville and Columbus girls.

SIGMA CHAPTER

Greensburg, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Caroline Castor
Vice President	Mrs. Kenneth E. Thorne
Secretary	Mrs. Oscar A. Hurt
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. W. Emmert Oliger
Treasurer	Ruth French

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Verrollton C. Shaul, Mrs. Andrew J. Stiles, Mrs. G. H. Thornburg, Mrs. Howard Hungerford, Mrs. Robert Kalb, Mrs. Wayne Davis, Sarah Jo Johnston, Mrs. Omer E. Warneke (affiliated from Iota), Mrs. Marvin Frogge (affiliated from Beta Phi), Carolyn Stutz, Jo Ann Overpeck, Mary Jo Scheidler, Emily Jane Reed.

MARRIAGES

June Lynch to Lt. Norman Schlemmer, Betty Bickel to Walter Gauck.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frogge, a son, Sammie Dale; to Mr. and Mrs. Miles A. Baldwin, a son, James Robert; to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thornburg, a son, Stephen Ray; to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Platt, a son, James Earl.

NEWS LETTER

Bouquets: To Ruth Hancock who is our very grand Grand President. . . . To Pfc. Martha Samuels, a recent president, who joined the WAC early in 1944.

Shekels for the Treasury: The Psi Ote Thrift Shop, opened with fear and trepidation, has developed into an astounding success. In fact, it is such a financial triumph that we have shelved our annual cedar chest drive.

Shekels from the Treasury: The school children are being served milk again this year. . . . Our contributions include $100 to Red Cross, magazine fund of the Camp and Hospital Fund, YMCA membership, Health Bond, Cancer Control, Tuberculosis Association, War Fund, War Mothers Canteen and Sunshine Christmas Party.

Events in the Evening: We had pledging at the lovely country home of Mrs. William S. Robbins. A unique GI party provided hilarious entertainment. . . . The initiation party was held at the country home of Mary Elizabeth Shirk, north of town. During the evening a clever "mock convention" was staged by the committee. . . . Florine Tillson was hostess for the music meeting at which members of the sorority aired their musical talents. . . . During the Christmas holidays we indulged in an excellent turkey dinner, served downtown. Later we progressed to the home of Dorothy Doles for an exchange of gifts and an evening of bridge.

We Honor: In the late fall we gave a tea honoring Ruth Hancock, our Grand President. We invited members of the other local sororities, the neighboring Psi Otes and Grand Council. Ruth Ranier Nessler, a well known harpist and a member of Alpha Beta, played throughout the afternoon.

In Conclusion: Speaking as one of the newer members of Sigma Chapter, I believe the past year has been one of our most progressive. We have a very cooperative group of girls who do not grumble too much about the demands on their time and energy. . . . We are looking forward to the happy day when conditions will permit all of our girls to be active Sigmas again.

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

Jeffersonville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Helen Brightwell
Vice President	Mabel Makowsky
Secretary	Dorothy Hoehn
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Thomas Lindley
Treasurer	Mary Virginia Constantine

NEW MEMBERS

Margie Clegg, Mrs. Erwin D. Hanson, Mrs. Raymond Strassel, Martha Ann Yarber.

ENGAGEMENTS

Nora Jean Constantine to F/O Basil S. Stafford.

MARRIAGES

Norma Miller to Clarence E. Stillman, U. S. Army.

BIRTHS

To Lt. and Mrs. Marvin Akers, a daughter, Mary Ayleen, June 4, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Another year has been added to Alpha Epsilon's history; not one of momentous undertakings and activities perhaps, but certainly a busy and progressive one. Despite the coming and going of so many of our members we still maintain an excellent attendance.

Helen Brightwell, an energetic individual, has projected her energy and efficiency into her job as president of the chapter and we have profited from it. Helen introduced the idea of a short program to be presented following each business meeting. This innovation has been splendid; we have had some excellent music, talks on infantile paralysis, tuberculosis, and a most interesting talk by a Navy doctor returned from sea duty. The sorority feels that this has been a fine addition to our business sessions, as well as a contribution to the principles of our sorority.

The sorority has followed through its financial and charitable projects of last year. Great success was attained again this year on our War Bond raffle, with a profit of $350.00 added to our charity fund. The sorority was divided into competitive teams, the losing teams entertaining the sorority at a Sunday evening buffet supper at our camp on Hamburg Pike. Plans are progressing for our annual rummage sale, a tag day, and a book review by Kathryn Turney Garten who will be here in February.

Alpha Epsilon has contributed to the War Fund, the Tuberculosis Association, Cancer Control, the Phone Home Fund for wounded veterans at nearby Nichols Hospital, the Clark County Red Cross Camp and Hospital committee, with both donations and gifts at Christmas time. Recently we furnished the Old Ladies' Home with some much-needed screens.

The girls of Alpha Epsilon are doing their part in giving generously of their time to the war effort. Mabel Makowsky is secretary of the Clark County Red Cross Camp and Hospital committee. Our president is a very active USOer, acting on their council. Other girls are Nurses' Aides, surgical dressing volunteers, Red Cross workers, blood donors, and, of course, we have our Navy nurse, Margaret Ann Eastman, of whom we are very proud.

Social activities, curtailed somewhat but nonetheless jolly and pleasant, were started off with a Sunday afternoon pledge tea at the home of Mrs. James Schodt on the Utica Pike. The girls, five of them, pledged at that time were initiated in July at an informal dinner at the Pendennis Club in Louisville.

The New Albany Psi Otes of Beta Omega most hospitably entertained the Jeff Psi Otes with a fried chicken lawn dinner in celebration of their tenth anniversary. Joint installation of officers was conducted by our two respective presidents following the dinner.

Among the highlights of our social side was the Christmas party at the home of Helen Brightwell. A Christmas cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," was sung by a choir of our own Psi Ote girls, replete with beautiful solos, white robes and all. We were delighted with the vocal talent of our group and are encouraging them to make it a permanent feature!

As the winter wanes we anticipate spring and rushing parties. Jeffersonville sororities are now governed by a Pan-Hellenic Council organized last year, by which we are restricted to two parties. We expect this council to promote good feelings between all groups.

Greetings from Alpha Epsilon, and a fervent wish to all that this time next year may find us launched on new peace-time programs.

WAR REPORT

Surgical Dressings, 500 hours; Nurses' Aides, two graduates, one student, 325 hours; blood donors, 10; USO, 2 active workers, 300 hours; Red Cross workers, 3, 135 hours.

BETA OMEGA CHAPTER

New Albany, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Elmer Dieckmann
Vice President	Mrs. Karl Moser
Secretary	Mrs. Elmer Downs
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Roy Downs
Treasurer	Mrs. C. Melvin Tolson

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Elmer Burd, Mrs. Calvin Wrege, Mrs. James McCullough, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Wilma Schultz, Mrs. Harry Davidson (affiliate from Zeta).

ENGAGEMENTS

Wilma Schultz to Corporal Charles Moser Corcoran, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Alvin Corcoran.

MARRIAGES

Mary Charlotte Johnson to Ensign John Cullen Schwartzel, October 23, 1944; Mary Eugenia Schwartzel to Lt. Jerome Joseph Hodapp, February 1, 1945; Betty Denny to Dr. Nelson Wolfe.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Omega Chapter's social activities have been superseded in importance only by the charitable enterprises we have undertaken and the Red Cross work the girls have done.

Our charitable enterprises have consisted of the following: the entire proceeds from a book review by Kathryn Turney Garten were donated to the Community War Fund; a plate was passed at our annual Christmas party instead of an exchange of gifts and the money collected was donated to the Phone Home Fund at Nichols General Hospital; and we sent a boy to the Indiana University Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Other projects for the purpose of making money with which to carry on our work were rummage sales, a peanut and soft drink stand at football games, and a "white elephant sale." The latter proved both interesting and amusing with Sally Kelso acting as the auctioneer. With some of this money, we have purchased two more $100 War Bonds.

Our social activities have proved to us that along with our will to work and help others, we have much common interest in our conception of pleasure. A few of our most successful social meetings were as follows: in June, we entertained the members of Alpha Epsilon; in September we enjoyed a treasure hunt on Silver Hills; in October we had a buffet supper and guest night and were entertained by Byck's style counsellor from Louisville, Kentucky; in December we had pledging at Mary Borgerding's and were entertained by a choir of our girls who sang carols; and in January we had our initiation dinner and services for five girls at the Pendennis Club in Louisville.

Beta Omega Chapter is doing its part toward the war effort. Our members have given fourteen hundred and nineteen hours of voluntary work. Types of work represented are Junior Red Cross, staff assistant, Nurses' Aide, blood bank, typing, and surgical dressing.

Beatrice Baxter is most outstanding as a volunteer. For the many things she has done, we think she should have special recognition. She has given one thousand and thirty hours of her valuable time by doing many worthwhile things, namely: staff assistant work, chairman of Home Service, and is on the executive board of directors of Red Cross, a member of the Camp and Hospital council, Community War Fund, Family Service, co-chairman of Cancer Control, and

MRS. ELMER H. DIECKMANN, JR.
New Albany

president of Woman's Auxiliary of State of Indiana Medical Association. Besides doing all of this work, Bea is rearing two fine sons. Her husband has been in the South Pacific serving in the Medical Corps. We are very proud of Bea and know that our pride will be shared by every Psi Ote.

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER

North Vernon, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mary L. Smith
Vice President	Mrs. Richard Andrew
Secretary	Agatha Fox
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Wm. A. Scultz
Treasurer	Dorothy Reichle

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Glenn Clark, Pauline Shull, Mrs. Harold Stewart, Helen Ferguson.

PLEDGES

Mrs. Thomas R. Jeffords, Mrs. Lester Byram, Mrs. Kesner Jordan, Mrs. Gene VanCleve, Mary Lee Cull, Marie Leerkamp.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dorothy Reichle to Virgil Kipper, Pauline Shull to Charles Newmister, Jr.

MARRIAGES

Mary G. Dowd to Orville Platter, Jr., June 3, 1944; Margie Gaughan to Harold Stewart, May 17, 1944; Winifred Padgett to Lawson Williams, Jr., July 1, 1944; Hazel Johnson to Carl Smith, June 28, 1944; Joy Arbuckle to William McCoy, Sept. 2, 1944.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shackelford, a son, Joseph Howard, Aug. 22, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. E. J. Banta, a daughter, Mary Jean, Aug. 6, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Omega Chapter has had a very profitable and enjoyable year considering that many of our girls are now in different parts of the United States with their husbands, who are in the service.

Our chapter helped last spring with the Well-Babies Conference, which insures the health of future citizens. At our business meetings we have been doing sewing for the local Red Cross chapter. One of our girls who is a graduate nurse, is starting a Nurses' Aide class this month to help alleviate the shortage of nurses. At Christmas we bought gifts for the wounded soldiers at the different army hospitals.

As for our money-making projects, this past year has been very successful. We have had a rummage sale, raffled off two War Bonds at the county fair and are now busy selling Household Paper Products. We are having a benefit bridge party within the next two weeks to help swell our charity fund.

Again this year we held pledge services for our six new girls at our annual Christmas party and will initiate them at our anniversary dinner in February.

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER

Petersburg, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Mary Palmer
Vice President	Eleanor Limp
Secretary	Mrs. Mary Agnes Werner
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Helen O. Black
Treasurer	Mrs. Velma Fleming

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Floyd Risley, Mrs. Isaac Gladish, Fay Sutton, Mrs. Delmes Wyatt.

PLEDGES

Lois Mallott.

MARRIAGES

Martha Ashby to Floyd Risley, Edith Davidson Young to Robert E. Peden.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Randolph Culley, a son, Donnell Randolph Culley II; to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hertenstein, a daughter, Mary Beth; to Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Wyatt, a daughter, Carla Jolene; to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bethel, a son, Charles Frank.

NEWS LETTER

There have been times when Alpha Tau has felt at a total loss in this total war. With the exception of three Nurses' Aides, none of us has donned a uniform but some have served as Buck Privates under seven members, who have been decorated as Captains in the Red Cross, Salvage, Camp and Hospital Service Divisions, by buying Bonds, giving blood, making surgical dressings, and saving our waste fats and tin cans. However, by manning our guns as a chapter regiment, we have made conquests toward victory.

It takes financial equipment to carry on maneuvers and we were mighty grateful when our Inductees (pledges) advanced with $143.66 cleared from their rummage sale and for the $220.00 support given by two volunteer Pin Up boys. Two Petticoat M. P.'s moved and seconded that members be taxed 5c at all business meetings for the War Stamp fund. Therefore, we were able to go all out with contributions to Red Cross, Bond, TB, and Paralysis drives as well as to the local Service Honor Roll Sign and War Chest. We bought Symphony tickets for service men and materials for George Field.

A major offensive went underway in October when we voted to sell Household Paper Products, yet no unconditional surrender was made of our pre-war projects. We sent Donnie White to the summer Speech and Hearing Clinic and a few faithful enlisted attendants have carried on the pre-natal clinic while the entire force backed a similar project on neighboring territory. Food baskets were distributed to the needy by our welfare Commandos.

At Christmas time an attack was made on Fannie May and 15 boxes of candy were salvaged for convalescent Pike County boys. Four large boxes were filled with individually gift-wrapped packages for other hospitalized service personnel, and subscriptions for Esquire and Post were sent to Wakeman Hospital, Camp Atterbury.

Without calling off all military operations, we built up morale with bridge and program fortifications. We honored our new recruits on two assignments and entertained allied patriots with a guest tea. At our recent 18th anniversary, each past Commanding Officer reviewed former campaigns which made us realize that all our invasions, whether past or yet to come, have been well worth the necessary fighting.

Martha Davidson Holm and Mary Davidson Palmer, twin nurses' aides, have 228 hours each to their credit and Dora Greenberg, our third nurses' aide, has a total of 700 hours. Louise Wellman, county chairman of surgical dressings, has 660 hours to her credit and reports a total of 1,460 hours for Psi Ote workers. Eulala Gray, county chairman of Red Cross sewing, is serving for her second year, as well as Edith Kime, waste fat chairman, and Opal Smith, tin can chairman, who have 150 hours each to their credit. Alleen Gladish reports 300 hours for her work as chairman of the camp and hospitalization committee and Red Cross office assistant. Five of our girls have donated 14 pints of blood to the Red Cross plasma. A total of $19,460 has been reported by members for the purchase of War Bonds.

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER

Princeton, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .... Mrs. Howard S. Williams, Jr.
Vice President .... Mrs. Arom E. Hurt
Secretary .... Mrs. Melvin C. Taylor
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Lester L. Mahan
Treasurer .... Mrs. Robert N. Howard

NEW MEMBERS

Miriam Embree, Rosemary Pickard, Rosemary Spear, Mary Frances Hill.

MARRIAGES

Margaret Frances Riggs to Lt. Warren B. Thompson, March 11, 1944; Nancy Gabbert to Robert N. Howard, May 20, 1944.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reinhart, a daughter. Sally Ann, April 30, 1944; to Pvt. and Mrs. George Wright, Jr., a daughter, Ann Kathleen, September 12, 1944; To Lt. and Mrs. Warren B. Thompson, a daughter, Andrea, December 27, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. Warren B. Thompson, John Miller, May 30, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. August E. Wolfe, a son, Richard Edward, July 1, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. Rodney C. Anderson, a son, Rodney William, April 16, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Although the war has been uppermost in our minds, Alpha Sigma Chapter has continued its local charity work. Our big project of the year was the donation of three new units to the Psi Iota Xi maternity ward of the Gibson General Hospital.

We have made contributions to the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Community Chest, Infantile Paralysis Foundation, and County Canteen.

Our major money-making project has been the conducting of bake sales, which we have once a month, the receipts from which are very surprising. Our chapter had charge of one of the waste paper drives for this county, and it really went over with a bang. Also, we sponsored a show at the local theatre, our percentage of the profits swelling the chapter's treasury considerably. In December our president, Marjorie Williams, turned the helm over to Mrs. Arom E. Hurt. She left to join her husband, Major Howard S. Williams, who returned to the United States after serving overseas 30 months.

In spite of conditions, we have tried to maintain our schedule and to keep up our activities, which, with so much change, has been most difficult. We have one business meeting each month, one social meeting and one night each month we meet at the Red Cross dressing rooms to roll bandages. Socially we are not doing quite so much as in previous years. However, we have had some nice parties, one of which was the initiation last spring, at which time the country club was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

We wish to extend greetings to all sister chapters, and to join with them in hoping that this year will bring us World Peace.

IOTA CHAPTER

Rushville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .... Mrs. Earl Osborne
1st Vice Pres. .... Mrs. Marland Alexander
2nd Vice Pres. .... Mrs. Lamoine Perkins
Secretary .... Charman Frazee
Cor. Secy. .... Olive Marie Miller
Treasurer .... Mrs. Dwight VanOsdol

NEW MEMBERS

Rosalie Montayne, Mrs. Jack Lanich, Mrs. R. C. Prall, Mrs. James Gridley, Mary Katherine Waits, Jamice McElderry, Betsy Ryder, Janet Gray Frazee, Mary

Catherine Newhouse, Jacqueline Byrne, Phyllis Chalfant, Marjorie Pierson.

MARRIAGES

Alice M. Berninger to Corp. Robert E. Fortney, Julianne Winship to Arthur J. Kelly, Elizabeth Sexton to Dr. Robert Schmoll.

BIRTHS

To Lt. and Mrs. Louis C. Hiner, Jr., a daughter, Mary Carolyn; to Dr. and Mrs. Henry F. Watson, a son.

NEWS LETTER

The girls of Iota Chapter have been trying, like those of every other chapter, to do everything possible toward helping to end this war. We meet only once a month and make that meeting a business and social meeting combined.

In January plans for the War Bond drive were discussed and Doris Dishinger and Gladys Osborn were appointed as captains from our sorority. Herschel Peters, city chairman, gave a very interesting talk and distributed material for the campaign. The members voted to buy a $100.00 War Bond and the sorority decided to accept another Hoosier Salon painting which will be exhibited in the Rushville library.

At our February meeting we voted to give $100.00 to the Red Cross War Fund campaign and to purchase a $100.00 War Bond of the Series F for the Postwar Planning general fund and the members pledged themselves to add to this fund as time goes by.

In our April meeting we veered a little from thoughts of war and discussed the possibility of submitting a child to the Speech and Hearing School this summer at Bloomington. It was reported also that, in line with our dental project, the teeth of six children had been taken care of during the year. The subject of the Fifth War Bond drive was brought up at this meeting and it was decided to continue in the same manner as we had for the last War Bond drive.

June 4th Iota Chapter held impressive initiation services at the United Presbyterian Church for eight girls. Following the rites, the group went to the home of Mrs. Grant Thurston, where a tea was held in honor of the new members.

June 7th the members enjoyed a pitch-in at the Waggener Briar Patch, in honor of the new members of the sorority. A treasure hunt was conducted in the afternoon and each new member was presented with a gift from the sorority.

At our regular June meeting the treasurer reported that from May 15, 1943, to May 15, 1944, Iota Chapter had earned $761.32—total spent on charity in the past year was $492.90—amount spent per capita $15.43. Iota Chapter had made 65 garments for Red Cross during the year and had spent 3,210 hours working for the Red Cross. It was also reported that we had purchased three $100.00 War Bonds during the year. An appeal was made for personal donations to the Postwar Planning Campaign for funds by buying $5.00 tickets for the benefit show and a motion was passed that $25.00 be given to the following projects during the Fifth War Bond drive: county hospital, junior college and recreation war memorial.

It was announced later in the month that Psi Iota Xi of Rushville was the first organization to report to the chairman as having exceeded the goal of buying 50 tickets for the Fifth War Loan Bond premiere of "Follow the Boys."

In the month of June the girls enjoyed a steak fry and picnic in the yard of Janet Warneke. We were sorry to lose Janet from our chapter—but our loss was Greensburg's gain.

In September we met at the country home of Kathryn Norris for a steak fry and picnic. Volunteers were solicited to work on the ration board to help with the issuance of gasoline stamps.

In October our chapter was awarded $5.00 in War Stamps for selling the most bonds and stamps at the theatre during the month of September.

Our chapter was again awarded $5.00 in War Stamps for selling the most bonds and stamps at the theatre during October. All members were urged to be sure to send a Christmas box to some soldier in a hospital and it was decided to give $25.00 to Camp Atterbury toward their music fund.

The Christmas meeting was initiation for four new members and dinner at the Kopper Kettle where we were very honored to have Ruth Hancock, Grand President of the sorority, and Leah Flint, Grand Editor, as our guests. After dinner a short program was presented by Nancy Oster, Lucile Frazee and Kathryn Norris.

Our main project during the year is, of course, our Thrift Shop and every girl has been very faithful about donations, working, etc. It is the only money-making project we have and it is well worth our while. All the girls have been very busy with Red Cross, Postwar Council, War Fund drives and various other drives—all working toward the hope that this will be the last year of the war.

ALPHA PI CHAPTER

Scottsburg, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Miss Hazel Gillespie
Vice President	Mrs. Lucille Wells
Secretary	Mrs. Kathryn Nicholas
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Anna Lee Carter
Treasurer	Miss Katherine Mohler

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Edward Everitt, Mrs. David Garriott, Mrs. James Mount, Frances Curtsinger, Mary Joyce Napper.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mary Joyce Napper to Gene Vest.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Lyons, a son, Thomas Morgan Lyons; to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter, a son, Harry Dee Carter.

NEWS LETTER

Hi, there, members! Alpha Pi is enjoying a happy and prosperous year.

The prosperity is due to the members of our finance committee who came through with some excellent ideas for meeting our budget. We had a very successful rummage sale, sponsored a picture show, and sold Christmas cards, but the BIG item on our list was our box supper. In addition to clearing $325 on the affair, we all had loads of fun. In connection with the box supper we conducted a popularity contest at a penny a vote. This proved to be a real gold mine. A fortune teller's booth was one of the centers of interest, and most of us are still marveling at our pasts, presents, and futures as revealed by this mystic lady. We turned all the proceeds from this supper to Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury.

Our social year started with initiation for five lovely girls. This was a formal dinner at Shady Nook Cafe.

We entertained the Senior girls with a Harvest Moon party at Napper's Lake a few miles out of town. A hayride was the means of transportation with plenty of food and fun at the end of the ride.

Our Christmas party at Bernice Hougland's was cheery — complete to a miniature Santa Claus (the son of a Psi Ote). At this party we were quite honored to have Earlyn Young, our Southern Province Chairman, as a guest.

We are looking forward to our annual musical party in the near future.

We have been making monthly contributions to "Keep 'em Readin'," a local club which sends regular newsletters to our boys in service; we also sent 300 Christmas cards to soldiers and sailors, distributed Christmas baskets, bought an Indiana Symphony ticket, contributed to the Hoosier Art Salon, purchased a Tuberculosis Health Bond, donated to Infantile Paralysis Foundation. In addition to the $325 previously mentioned as our gift to Wakeman Hospital, we plan to give more at a later date.

Our defense chairman sells stamps at each business meeting. Whenever the Red Cross room is open, our girls contribute much of their time to work there. Several made donations to the Red Cross blood bank when it was in our town.

That's all for now, girls, but in the meantime rest assured that Alpha Pi is endeavoring to do her part for Psi Iota Xi in working for VICTORY.

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

Seymour, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Karl T. Nessler
Vice President	M. Louise Bollinger
Secretary	Marilyn G. Burkley
Cor. Secy.	Dris E. Droege
Treasurer	Mrs. Arthur Kaufman

NEW MEMBERS

Janet Gillespie, Nancy Shields, Mrs. Alice Hall (affiliate from Bloomington Chapter), Mrs. Alice Fox, Polly Montgomery, Marilyn Wieneke.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Carolyn Clark to Cpl. John Parker, Miss Mary Louise Beatty to Sgt. Bob Leahy, Miss Nancy Shields to Lt. H. P. Logan, Miss Corinne Test to Lt. Rocky Weldon.

MARRIAGES

Miss Paulie Hardesty to Cpl. John D. Clark, Jr., Miss Sue Ann Stewart to Lt. Robert C. Jordan, III.

BIRTHS

To Capt. and Mrs. James Holbrook, a son, James, Jr.; to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Surface, a daughter, Margaret Louise; to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson, a son, John Smith; to Lt. and Mrs. Ed J. Banta, a daughter, Mary Jean; to Lt. and Mrs. Robert Jordan, a daughter, Dee. Born on New Year's Day. Lt. Jordan lost his life in a plane crash.

NEWS LETTER

"We are here to add what we can 'to,' not to get what we can 'from' Life." — Sir William Osler.

No truer words have been written! Alpha Beta Chapter has striven to do her part and, believe us, girls, we have been busy!

Freeman Field, being so close, has given us the opportunity to help where help is needed. Our social activities for the year included entertaining the servicemen from the Field, who were always appreciative of the entertainment and help offered them. Numerous dances, suppers and parties were given for their benefit. One of the outstanding dances given for them was the Halloween "Tacky" dance, for which they furnished the music. The U.S.O. supper parties were always a huge success and enjoyed by us as well as by the boys.

At Christmas several harp recitals were given at the Field by our talented president, Mrs. Nessler.

Throughout the year, each girl has been active in some line of war work —

The Gray Ladies, Red Cross, Nurses' Aide, U.S.O. We have not, of course, neglected the needy in our own community. Our charitable work has become well known in Seymour through the able work of Mrs. Annette Test, whose efforts here have benefited not only our sorority, but the town as a whole. Children have been furnished with glasses and medical and dental attention when it was needed.

Our contributions for the year included $100 to the Jackson County War Fund Chest. We have also contributed generously to the T.B. Fund, the Red Cross, Cancer Control, and the Hospital Fund. As usual, we have kept up our "floor" at the hospital, adding such pieces as are needed.

Two book reviews were given during the year by Mrs. Edna Sanders, one of the leading book reviewers of Indiana. Both were received with much enthusiasm and we are looking forward to sponsoring Mrs. Sanders again.

Our rummage sales were quite a success, due to our past reputation. We netted $253.97 on two sales.

On Palm Sunday we held our annual Vesper Service, which was beautiful and very impressive. The highlights of the service are the harp solos of Mrs. Karl T. Nessler, around whom the program is arranged. We are also quite proud of our chorus, which has made several appearances. We are planning another service for this Easter season.

Our Christmas dinner-dance was enjoyed by all and served as a delightful termination of a busy year. We have worked and we have enjoyed ourselves and we are looking forward to another year of increased activity. West wishes to all of you!

BETA PHI CHAPTER

Shelbyville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .... Mrs. Thorl Griffith
Vice President .... Ruth Hester
Secretary .... Mrs. Glen McNamara
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Mary Elouise Bush
Treasurer .... Mrs. Albert Slagle

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. John Armington, Mrs. James Bansbach, Mrs. Emerson Bass, Mrs. Henry Bausback, Jr., Mrs. DeWight Brinson, Mary Ellen Firsich, Betty Hauk, Mrs. St. Clair Humphries, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. Edmund Shepple, Mrs. Paul Patrick (affiliate from Richmond).

ENGAGEMENTS

Rosamond Griffith to Lewis Cook; Betty Hauk to Lt. Lowell Spencer, Jr.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pence, a son, Allen Walker; to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trueb, a daughter, Linda Kathlene; to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frogge, a son, Samuel Dale.

NEWS LETTER

Foremost in the war effort of Beta Phi Chapter has been our management of the working arrangements for the Red Cross Shelby County blood bank unit. This unit comes to Shelbyville every three months and our quota each time consists of 300 pints of blood. During the

SHELBYVILLE'S BIRTHDAY DINNER

two days the unit is here it requires an average of twelve girls per day to work at the bank. Louise Barger is our capable sorority chairman. We are also proud that Red Cross Shelby County Blood Doner General Chairman Gladys Brandenburger is one of our own Psi Ote sisters. We take our hats off to the splendid job Gladys has been doing the last two years. Our chapter, since April, 1942, has been instrumental in sending about 1775 pints of blood for making plasma for the Army and Navy.

We have purchased two $100 War Bonds and helped with the sales of bonds. Husbands, sons and sweethearts of our members, who are in the armed services, were remembered at Christmas time with boxes of homemade candy, cookies and fruit cake. Christmas boxes were also sent to Wakeman General Hospital.

Our year opened June 20th with an outdoor party at "The Cove" with incoming officers serving as hostesses. The pledges, who were guests, entertained with a mock wedding. The annual family picnic was held at Pitts Ford in August.

On September 19th formal initiation services were held at the Alcazar and were followed by a dinner and dance. In October an outdoor party, opening with a scavenger hunt, followed by a wiener roast and Dutch supper, was held at the country home of Peggy Lenzer. November 21st a guest tea was enjoyed at the Hotel Shelby. Mrs. Laviena Smith of Connersville entertained us by giving "The White Cliffs of Dover" followed by some comedy numbers.

The highlight of the year was a lovely Christmas party at the home of Rosalie Adams. A buffet dinner was enjoyed, followed by Dickens' favorite story, "Christmas Carol." Heart Friends were revealed by exchange of gifts and a medley of Christmas numbers on the accordion completed the program. January 16th our birthday party was held at the home of Gladys Brandenburger. Norma Mount, who was the first president of Beta Phi, gave a delightful review of the history of the chapter. A group picture was taken and members sang the birthday song while a beautiful cake with seven candles was the feature attraction. We are looking forward to our musical in February, pitch-in in March, and literary meeting in April.

Our outstanding financial project was a booth at the Shelby County Fair, where we served lunches, sandwiches and cold drinks. Eleanors McNamara and White were excellent at making sandwiches and keeping drinks iced for the good of " 'Ol' Psi Iota Xi." Chances were sold on three Bonds that were given during the fair. A rummage sale was held and in October our annual book review by Katherine Turney Garten was its usual success.

Donations this year have been as follows: $25.00 to Shelbyville Youth Center, $25.00 to the War Fund, $5.00 for a Health Bond, $20.00 for Red Cross Christmas boxes, $27.33 boxes for Camp Atterbury, $50.00 Red Cross, collections from each meeting for birthday cake for Atterbury boys each month, two Symphony tickets to be used by service men, $10.00 Hoosier Salon and $25.00 Ruby Kinman Memorial Award.

BETA BETA CHAPTER

Sullivan, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. M. F. Stephens
Vice President	Elsie Edwards
Secretary	Maxine Keenan
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Ralph Shepherd
Treasurer	Mrs. William H. Smith

NEW MEMBERS

Ann Hamilton, Cleotis Hall Hamilton, Vermont McCloskey, Betty Bedwell McCracken, Becky Martin, Norma Sevier and Ollie Sligar.

MARRIAGES

Betty Bedwell to Pfc. Hugh McCracken, Jr., and Cleotis June Hall to Sgt. Thomas Hamilton.

BIRTHS

To Lt. and Mrs. Harmon Kelley, Jr., a daughter, Pamela Louise; to Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, a daughter, Karen Sue; to PO 1/C and Mrs. William Williams, a son, Lee; to Lt. and Mrs. Bernard C. Hoilman, a son, David Dixon; to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles C. Heath, a daughter, Camille Ann.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Beta opened the sorority year with a "Homecoming" party in September at the country home of a member. The friendly greetings exchanged among the members lent a real homecoming atmosphere. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown over the excellent programs in the new program books, which were distributed. A record for good attendance for the year was stressed. The active and alumnae members enjoyed a summer picnic in August, with lots of good food, and everyone lost count of the calories. Several of our meetings have been held in homes of members, with one meeting at the hotel, and what good times we have had during the year at these parties with a "quiz," bingo, cards, and a white elephant party. Each month the hostesses have endeavored to have a varied entertainment. The Christmas dinner party, with our alumnae chapter members as guests, was a very pretty affair. A Christmas story was told and Christmas carols were sung. Santa Claus was present and distributed the gifts.

The chapter is happy to report seven new members. We are very proud of the interest and fine attendance of our younger members. Certainly a bright future for Beta Beta is in store with such enthusiastic Psi Otes.

You may be thinking all play and no work—but on the contrary the past year has been a very busy one for Betas.

Our finance committee again "came through" with nice profits from a rummage sale, War Bond raffle, and stationery sales.

The chapter, in the interest of juvenile recreation, is sponsoring dances for the high school students. This is done in coöperation with other local sororities and school officials.

Aside from war activities, the sorority purchased a $5.00 tuberculosis bond, continued our local project of paying the laundry bill of obstetrical kits, and purchased a ticket to the Indianapolis Symphony for the use of service men or women.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Financially, we have contributed to the war effort by donating $20.00 to War Fund drive and $15.00 to the Red Cross. We have purchased a $25.00 War Bond; also purchased, sold chances and raffled another $25.00 Bond.

In addition to our financial efforts Beta Beta members have donated blood to the blood bank. One member is a member of the "Gallon Club." We have folded bandages and done Red Cross knitting. Some have worked as Red Cross Hospital Aides. One member assists in OPA checking. We have filled kit bags, done volunteer work for ration board, with one member giving an average of one or two days each week during the year. Our local home economics teacher has charge of selling War Stamps and Bonds in the high school, and sold stamps to 90% of the students in the last month; she also gives her time as nutrition chairman of the County Red Cross; also instructs Junior Red Cross classes. A great many Beta Betas have sold War Bonds, solicited for the War Fund and Red Cross drives. One member is an officer of the County Community Council for postwar work.

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER

Vincennes, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Carter Tolbert
Vice President	Mrs. Frank Barth
Secretary	Margaret Karschefsky
Cor. Secy.	Rita Kramer
Treasurer	Euretta McCarthy

NEW MEMBERS

Theresa Bernat, Margaret Joan Borden, Jean Craton, Martha Gentry, Eileen Kramer, Mary Patrick, Lyda Lou Steffen, Mary Lou Tislow, Mary Thelma Johnson, Mary Gladys Nardine, Mildred Sue Routt, Mrs. Dana Warner, Mary Lou Barth, Martha Lee Godare, Elizabeth Irwin, Mrs. C. S. McKee, Madeleine Somes.

ENGAGEMENTS

Elise Stevens to Lt. William Steele.

MARRIAGES

Mary Ellen Dognaux to Capt. Hank Laakman, Susan Shephard to Lt. Woesner, Jean Steffen to Lt. John Gay Stewert, Mariam Cochran to Lt. Dana L. Warner, Rita VanDement to Bob Courtney, Helen Byers to Lt. John Van Winkle, Anne Schoonover to Maurice Nugent, Patty Patterson to Dean Parks.

BIRTHS

To Ens. and Mrs. Curtis Kimmel, a daughter, Katherine; to Lt. and Mrs. Robert W. Green, a son, Thomas; to Mr. and Mrs. John Ostendorf, a son, John; to Lt. and Mrs. Morris Johnson, a son, Morris; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridges, a daughter, Anna Katherine; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis, a son, James Milton.

PERSONAL GOSSIP

Barbara Pielmeier, Carolyn Walk and Susan Winkler are students at Stephens College.

Mary Gladys Nardine is a student at St. Mary of the Woods College.

Madge Baldwin, June Buyer and Lenore Gentry are attending Indiana University.

Elise Stephens, Ellen Ross Emison are students at DePauw University.

Margaret Goutal, Martha Lee Godare and Mary Lou Barth have joined the ranks of Cadet Nurses at the City Hospital, Indianapolis.

Dorothy Jane Opell is in school in Terre Haute.

Lyda Lou Steffen has enlisted in the Cadet Nurse Corps at Washington School of Nursing, St. Louis. Her sister, Jean Stewert, is also a Cadet Nurse and is a Junior in the same school.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of our president, Thelma Phillips, in December. Her husband, L. V. Phillips, was appointed Commissioner of Indiana High School Athletic Association, thus the Phillips moved to Indianapolis.

Mary Elizabeth Tolbert, our vice-president, took over the duties of president. Mary Elizabeth is a sister of Edith Schafer who was a past president of Alpha Omicron Chapter but is now affiliated with the associate chapter of Indianapolis.

Merna Barth was nominated to the office of vice president.

The picture "Deserted," won at Convention in 1943, was raffled among our members at our February birthday party in 1944. Mary A. Weiler is now the owner of the picture.

Aline Ann Arnold is now employed at the Radio Station WBOW, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Several Psi Iota Xi sons, brothers and husbands have returned from overseas this past year.

Lt. James Funk, son of Kathryn Funk, has returned from the South Pacific. His brother-in-law, Lt. (jg) Curtis V. Kimmel, is back from South America.

Ann Bierhaus' son, Cpl. William Bierhaus, returned in December from the South Pacific. His sister, Martha Ann Lacey, is also a Psi Iota Xi.

Lt. Col. Robert Wimmer, husband of Jessie Wimmer, is home again. Jessie is a past president.

We opened our year's social activities with a pot-luck at the country club.

In October the officers of Alpha Omega were hostess at a tea in the home of Thelma Phillips.

A musical tea was given during the Christmas holidays. Margaret Goutal, one of our members who is a student at DePauw University, played the piano.

Our chapter's birthday dinner party in February was one of our loveliest affairs of the year. Following the dinner at our recent birthday party, a review was given of the book "Razor's Edge."

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

A young boy was sent to the Speech and Hearing Clinic last summer.

Psi Iotes collected $75.00 at the local theaters for the Infantile Paralysis March of Dimes fund.

Maternity packs, provided through the coöperation of the local Red Cross and Alpha Omicron Chapter, are in continuous use by local doctors whose patients remain at home.

The chapter continues to provide tonsillectomies for underprivileged children.

Donations were made to the Red Cross and Knox County Tuberculosis drives. Donations were also given to the YMCA, Boy and Girl Scouts, Teen-Age Canteen, and Knox County War Fund.

Last May we sponsored the Colleen Moor Doll House, the proceeds of which furnished the starting of a fund toward a 12 bed children's ward at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Now we have undertaken the selling of Household Paper Products. The profit from this project is to be added to the fund for the children's ward.

WAR WORK REPORT

Katherine Donie is chairman of the George Field Camp and Hospital Council. At Christmas time the board secured gifts for every enlisted man and woman at the field. Alpha Omicron supplied several of these gifts. This Council is now sponsoring the serving of coffee and doughnuts on the flight line. Several of our members help to serve. Each week a dance is held in the camp gym. Members of our sorority help, either as hostesses or as dancing partners for the men.

Our girls kept the cookie jar at the USO filled for a week. Then on Sunday evening we prepared a supper for the soldiers. Some of our girls helped serve a lunch after the midnight show "By George" to the cast which is composed of soldiers from George Field.

Mildred Lawson is chairman of the blood donors for Knox County.

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER

Washington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Ray Buchenberger
Vice President	Mrs. Herbert L. Burnett
Secretary	Mrs. J. H. Lindsay
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Oral M. Aikman
Treasurer	Mrs. J. Tony Browne

NEW MEMBERS

Beatrice Colbert, Dorothy Simpson, Norma Lee Gaither, Dorothy Truelove, Bernice Summers, Barbara Borders, Betty Streeter, Audrey Williams, Eleanor Johnson, Mrs. Doris Possman, Mrs. Essie Catt, Mrs. Ruth Day, Mrs. Opal Foster, Mrs. Olive Humbaugh.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Billye Adair Allen to Corbett Abbott, Jr., Y 3/C, U. S. Navy.

MARRIAGES

Jeanne Spaulding to Sgt. Wilford O. Jahn, Eulu Jones to T/Sgt. J. Tony Browne, Janet Borders to William Backus, Mary Elizabeth Schoenberger to Joseph B. Rowekamp, Nancy C. Reeves to Oral M. Aikman, Lt. Mildred B. Sebring to CPO John P. Sellman, Dorothy Mae Crane to Corp. Robert Tharp.

BIRTHS

To Capt. and Mrs. Brisco Lett, a boy, May 1944; to Sgt. and Mrs. Melvin Clenkinbeard, a boy, Jan. 1945; to Mr. and Mrs. Casey Huston, a boy, Jan. 1945.

NEWS LETTER

Another year has come and gone, and so have the members of Alpha Psi since many of our girls have husbands in the armed forces.

Social activities have been limited; however, we have continued our two regular meetings each month, with the majority of these meetings being held in the community Red Cross room making surgical dressings. We are proud of our efforts and services in the wartime measures of our community.

Our annual Short Story Contest was held and a lovely dinner party given for the contestants.

We again have coöperated with all civic organizations in Bond drives and the March of Dimes, and have made donations to the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Salvation Army, USO, Tuberculosis Society, War Mothers' fund, and have purchased Indianapolis Symphony tickets.

Many members were blood donors to the local blood plasma bank. Betty Harris is assisting at the County Hospital as a Nurses' Aide.

Cookies were made and delivered to the soldiers at George Field, Illinois, and Christmas boxes were sent to Billings General Hospital, Fort Harrison.

Money-making projects have been rummage sales and bake sales. In the near future we plan to sponsor a home talent play.

The quota for surgical dressings being filled, the past three months Alpha Psi has returned to its old custom of one business meeting and one social meeting each month, this having happened in time to enable us to enjoy a delightful Christmas party, and in January an impressive formal initiation in the home of Mrs. J. P. Hagel. With another party in store for us in February, we will be ready to resume the making of surgical dressings in the month of March.

Alpha Psi sends greetings to all sister Psi Otes with a prayer in our hearts that the coming year will bring Victory.

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

West Baden, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. J. W. Fouche
Vice President	Geneva Mahan
Secretary	Bertha Mahan
Cor. Secy.	Audra Bedster
Treasurer	Harriett Brown

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Carson Alexander, Thelma Edgell, Helen Flick, Mary J. Marlette, Helen Mueller.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Allbright, a son, Richard Barry, Oct. 9, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fouche, a son, James Wendell, Nov. 2, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Listen, Sister Psi Otes, and you shall hear
Of Alpha Upsilon's doings, both far and near!

Our money-making schemes started the Fourth of July,
We sponsored a stand and the hamburgers we did fry!

But "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,"
So in the month of August a picnic was our joy.

September, October, and November found Psi Otes on the run,
For Tag Day and a rummage sale put an end to all our fun.

However, our Christmas party is one we can't forget,
For the spirit of St. Nick lingers with us even yet!

Collecting "dimes" in January sent Psi Otes over our town,
To help fight infantile paralysis wherever it is found.

February and March brought St. Valentine and St. Patrick too,
We had two lovely parties and gave each Saint his due!

Spring soon brought April and after it May—
When we held pledge service, 'twas a very happy day.

When June came, our year was over—convention time once more—
We're sure we've grown a lot since nineteen and forty-four!

To every Psi Ote chapter, we send our greetings true
With a wish that the coming year will shower luck on you!

And to our grand old Uncle Sam and every fighting son—
Our dearest wish that this year VICTORY will be won!

CHARITY REPORT

Christmas Baskets and Groceries during year	$18.32
Coal for needy	18.85
Milk in school	9.82
	$46.99

DONATIONS AND GIFTS

Red Cross	$ 25.00
USO	25.00
Tuberculosis Association	10.00
Cancer Control	3.00
Infantile Paralysis	10.00
Erected Community Honor Roll	154.00
	$227.00

WAR WORK

War Bonds purchased by Alpha Upsilon Chapter totaled $150.00. Fifty per cent of the members purchased bonds regularly.

CENTRAL PROVINCE

GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER

Attica, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Martha Knowles
Vice President	Mrs. Olive Bowlus
Secretary	Mrs. Edna Phelps
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Ruth Lee Cunningham
Treasurer	Doris Mettee

NEW MEMBERS

Clara Van Nyfte, Barbara Phelps, Mrs. Mable Blickenstaff, Mrs. June Crudge Jones, Frances Stucker.

MARRIAGES

Miss June Crudge to Abbott E. Jones, S 2/C.

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Pfeifer, a son, James William.

NEWS LETTER

February 7, 1944: 5,000 vitamin capsules furnished for local school children; $5.00 given to Infantile Paralysis fund; another $50.00 Bond purchased.

February 21, 1944: We enjoyed a tour through the South Seas conducted by Reina Helms. Beg, borrow or steal contest proved hilarious!

March 6, 1944: $50.00 given to the Red Cross. Our president gave us a test on the Constitution but few made perfect scores.

March 20, 1944: $10.00 to the Salvation Army. New members entertained with several clever stunts which revealed much talent. Fines paid.

April 3, 1944: $10.00 given to the Crippled Children's Fund.

April 17, 1944: Six new members elected. Bridge enjoyed later.

May 3, 1944: Voted to give an award to member of graduating class of Attica High School who had done most outstanding work in music department. In addition a plaque with the Psi Ote crest was to be placed in the hall of the school where names of the winners were to be added each year.

June 5, 1944: A local boy, a victim of infantile paralysis, selected to be sent to Speech and Hearing Clinic, with the sorority paying $75.00.

June 19, 1944: Initiation of five new members and installation of new officers at formal dinner at the Harrison Hills Country Club. Bridge enjoyed later.

September 5, 1944: A bountiful potluck dinner at home of Elizabeth Day. New programs much admired. A most interesting talk on "Buttons" was given by Mrs. Ava Stanfield who also exhibited her famous collection.

September 18, 1944: Symphony tickets sent to service men. Also magazine subscriptions sent to Camp Atterbury.

October 2, 1944: Hobo party at the Old Mill at Harrison's. Psi Otes voted to continue to pay half of the expenses for operating Boys' Club.

October 15, 1944: $50.00 given to USO. Plans made for Fall Carnival.

November 6, 1944: Cleared $424.00 on our Fall Carnival. "Earth and High Heaven" reviewed by Thelma Stuteville, one of our very capable members.

November 16, 1944: Psi Otes voted to buy delivery table and crutches, costing $275.00, for Community Hospital at Williamsport. Also voted to again furnish 5,000 vitamin capsules for local school children.

December 4, 1944: $2.00 paid for TB Seals; $50.00 worth of Household Paper Products sold.

December 18, 1944: Christmas party. Carols were sung and bridge played after the lights came on again.

January 17, 1945: Only a few were able to get out but those of us who dared the cold and ice were repaid by enjoying the lovely new home of our president, Martha Knowles, and her delicious Christmas candy.

January 17, 1945: Our annual musical program at the home of Ruth Robertson in Williamsport. Music was furnished by Mrs. Allee and three young men, Charles Robertson, Harold Young, and Robert Chaffin, all of Williamsport. Five dollars also given to the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

WAR ACTIVITIES

One of our members, Eleanor Poston, is serving her fifth year as county production chairman of the Red Cross. Several other members work regularly at the Red Cross sewing room. Our Symphony tickets were sent to service men and several magazine subscriptions were sent to the men at Camp Atterbury. Our chapter has contributed to the USO, the Red Cross and purchased Bonds, and continues to save paper, tin cans, fats, etc.

Our money-making activities include rummage and food sale, sale of Household Products, and a few magazine subscriptions.

BETA PI CHAPTER

Cambridge City, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Frederick Jaehne, Jr.
Vice President	Marguerite Polk
Cor. Secy.	Ruth Chapman
Secretary	Mrs. John Smith
Treasurer	Alice Hinebaugh

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NEW MEMBERS

Sylvia Becker, Joan Bozoarth, Joyce Jones, Virginia Martin, Joyce Woodward.

ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret Bachmann to William Roberts, Alice Hinebaugh to Richard Hutchinson.

MARRIAGES

Mrs. Geraldine Woodward to Carroll Smalley, Lois Hicks to Dwight Ulerich.

NEWS LETTER

February: Guest party was held at the Presbyterian Church. The play, "The Damask Cheek," was reviewed.

March: We donated $20 to the Red Cross.

April: Coöperative dinner and handkerchief shower was given in honor of Joyce Hunnicutt who had joined the WAVES.

May: We purchased four Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra tickets for service men. Our Mother's party was held at the library. Guest speaker presented "Mothers of the Bible."

June: Ten dollars was donated for Girl Scout Camp. We are very proud of our four members who are active in Girl Scout work: Mrs. Lloyd Howard, Girl Scout director, and Lorena Clifton, Ruth Judkins and Marguerite Polk, leaders. Pledge dinner was held at the home of Ruth Judkins, followed by showing of home-town movie taken seven years ago.

July: Pledges served us a lovely picnic supper at Crietz Park.

August: Initiation was held following a dinner at the Milton Christian Church.

September: "Come as you are" party was held at the home of the president. We voted to purchase books for the library. The report of the progress of a local boy who attended the Speech and Hearing Clinic was read. We contributed our usual patron's dues to the Hoosier Salon.

October: "Reverse" party was held. We voted to equip the kindergarten. One hundred dollars was cleared on rummage sale.

November: "Feudin'" party with plenty of fun including bare feet, corn cob pipes and a shot gun weddin'.

December: We donated $10 to the Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. Floyd Hines was again chairman and received over $500 from this township. Sponsored the play "Our Town" given by the Richmond Civic Theatre. A coöperative turkey dinner was served at the Christmas party. We sang carols and exchanged gifts. Our Big Sisters were revealed and names were drawn for this year.

January: Donated $10 to Infantile Paralysis drive. We celebrated our 10th anniversary. Corsages were given to eight charter members who are still active.

WAR ACTIVITIES

We voted to fold bandages once a month at the Red Cross room and members always responded when called. A $25 War Bond was purchased. Birthday cards were sent to Camp Atterbury to be used by the soldiers. A donation of $20 was given to the War Fund. Each member filled a Christmas box valued at $2 for the soldiers at Camp Atterbury; we also donated $15 to buy fruit.

Twelve pints of blood were donated by six members. One member participated in two musical programs given at Wakeman General Hospital for wounded soldiers. The sponsor of the Lincoln High School American Junior Red Cross is a Psi Ote.

The following articles were knitted: 4 sweaters, 4 helmets, 3 pairs gloves, 3 toe socks, 2 bed socks, 1 muffler, 1 hospital sock, 2 stump socks.

Hours donated to war work are as follows: 59 Bond booth, 318 folding bandages, 5 solicitation for War Fund, 130 Nurse Aide, 6 blood bank, 4 waste paper collection.

BETA ETA CHAPTER

Centerville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Martha McConaha
Vice President	Mrs. Cecil Melvin
Secretary	Ruby Fender
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Lewis Bond
Treasurer	Mrs. Howard Pilgrim

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Ralph Dean, Mrs. Kenneth Hatfield, Mrs. Wayne Hines, Mrs. J. L. Overturf, Mrs. Carl Whiteman, Mrs. Russell Wambo, Sadonia Brunner, Mrs. Marvin Staats.

PLEDGES

Alice Fay Overturf.

MARRIAGES

Marilynn June Black to 1st Sgt. Frank H. Hursey.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dean, a daughter, Diana Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ahl, a daughter, Barbara Evelyn.

WAR ACTIVITIES

We have had many messages of appreciation from boys and girls of our com-

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1. Mrs. Ray Morrison, Alpha, Muncie
2. Martha McConaha, Centerville
3. Mrs. Orville Beeson, Summitville
4. Mrs. Stanley Barker, Thorntown
5. Mrs. Kenneth Pope, New Castle
6. Mrs. L. D. Crowell, Greenfield
7. Mrs. Frederick Jaehne, Cambridge City
8. Mrs. Robert M. O'Neil, Lebanon
9. Mrs. Wm. Page, Sr., Eaton

munity who are in service and to whom we sent Christmas greetings. Our greeting was a picture of our main street looking east from our one stop light. The name of our organization and this verse, written by Mrs. Kendal Mathews, were printed on the card:

"Christmas would be perfect
With its snow and cold
If you could walk down Main Street,
And say 'howdy,' as of old."

We sent more than two hundred of these greetings.

Our milk lunch project for undernourished children in grade school was carried on as it has been every year since the organization of our chapter. We continued to sponsor the local Girl Scouts, and one of our members, Mrs. Wilbur Sparks, has become the Scout leader.

Other service which we have rendered this year has been through coöperation with other groups by assisting them financially. We bought a block of tickets for the Indianapolis Symphony, which were used by service men and women. We helped our American Legion Post send our high school band to play for the Legion convention in Indianapolis and helped to sponsor band concerts here during the summer. We helped the Woman's Club financially with its project of having an honor roll placed on Main Street. We bought Tuberculosis Seals, and gave to the Red Cross, and invested some of our money in more War Bonds.

Our chief money-making project was selling advertising for the 4-H Fair programs. We raffled a War Bond at the Fair, and had a rummage sale in the fall. Tag Day for our milk fund was held in October as usual. Before Christmas we sold wrapping paper and greeting cards.

We were again fortunate in having a local student accepted for the Indiana University Speech and Hearing Clinic. This year a high school girl went, and derived much benefit from her experience there.

Our members have been too busy for many social affairs, but the few parties we had were very enjoyable. We celebrated our anniversary in July. In August we had an initiation service together with a music appreciation program. We enjoyed a party with the Girl Scouts at Halloween. At Christmas we went caroling on a cold evening and enjoyed coffee with Mrs. Overturf afterward. In January our hostesses took us to see the beautiful antiques collected by the Hoosier Studio.

In the spring we had a pledge service and hobby night party, a party for our mothers, and, at the close of the year, our annual dinner with installation of officers.

GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER

Covington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Allen Randolph
Vice President	Mrs. Earl Doan
Secretary	Lura Bess Graham
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Roy C. Fenters
Treasurer	Bonnie Jean Richards

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bilsland, a daughter, Mary Virginia; to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gott, a daughter, Veronica Carol; to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Leas, a daughter, Margaret Jane.

NEWS LETTER

Gamma Epsilon, a new arrival in the Psi Ote family, was born May 27, 1944, in Covington. Mrs. Joseph Reichart, Grand President, initiated 29 members into the chapter at the home of Mrs. Robert Kieran in the impressive candlelight ceremony. Officers assisting were Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Ball Harker; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Ben Gordon; Grand Conductress, Mrs. L. V. Phillips, and Southern Province Chairman, Mrs. Carlton Shuck.

Dinner was served at Benson Chapel and a reception followed at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Rinn. Guests were present from Attica, Waynetown and Greenfield chapters.

Being very young, we met once a month during the summer to complete our organization, beginning our regular meetings twice a month in September.

Our first money-making project was in August when we raffled off four $25 War Bonds and ran a bingo stand at the Horse Show, clearing $337.37. And did we have fun! Our new chapter was well received in the city and we had the full coöperation of other organizations and merchants in our projects.

With so much wealth, we then sought charitable enterprises and began in October to donate food to the Danville, Illinois, USO once a month and now have a regular appropriation of $5 a month for the canteen.

In November we started serving free coffee, through all local restaurants, to service men. Donations have been made to various causes, including $10 to the United War Fund.

At Christmas a box of magazines, books and games was sent to the County Home, and $15 to Camp Atterbury Hospital for magazine subscriptions. On December 16 we gave away a turkey which netted us $40.35, and on January 30 we helped to sponsor a card party for the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Our year has not been all work. In September we had a wiener roast at the City Park. On October 9 we enjoyed a musical program at Anna Aldridg's home, and on October 23 Hester Kay was hostess at a Halloween party. Two husbands acted as judges at this party. Ann Sneath gave a book review for us in November and entertained the chapter at a bunco party in January. Ruth Kieran and Eloise Gott were hostesses for our Christmas party where we indulged in children's games, sang carols and had a gift exchange.

Yes, we are having a good time—and hope that we are doing our bit in helping those less fortunate.

BETA THETA CHAPTER

Eaton, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. William Page, Sr.
Vice President	Alice LeGros
Secretary	Mrs. Donald Hoover
Cor. Secy.	Madonna Barley
Treasurer	Mrs. Harold Montgomery

NEW MEMBERS

Jean Ratican, Thelma McCammon, Joanne Nixon, Mrs. Robert Gibson, Henrietta Brandt, Mrs. Charles Connor, Mrs. Forrest Fredericks.

PLEDGES

Mrs. Ermal Marsh.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Willam Leaird, a son, Kenneth William, May 9, 1944.

SGT. DOROTHY YVONNE LE GROS,
A-602156 WAC Detachment
Camp Shanks, New York.
Eaton is proud of her.

NEWS LETTER

As another fiscal year draws to a close for the Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Beta Theta Chapter looks back with pride on our accomplishments, even though we lack advantages for undertakings, because of living in a small community.

We started our year very successfully by heading the Red Cross drive in our community, and we all worked diligently and feel that it was well worth while.

One of the lovely social affairs held this year was a dinner party for the girls of the 1944 graduating class. The "graduation theme" was carried out and to complete the occasion bingo was enjoyed.

We purchased a piece of playground equipment, a "Junior Wave Stride," for the school and we have been repaid many times by just seeing the enjoyment which it has brought to many children.

In May impressive candlelight pledge service was conducted for seven pledges and on July 9th, formal initiation was held at the home of Mary Baur with a lovely tea following.

Another outstanding social event of the year was our 13th anniversary on August 31st which was celebrated with a dinner at Shady Oaks Farm and a book review of "Journey in the Dark" by Mrs. Ralph Lerch.

We donated to War Mothers' Club for an honor roll board and also gave $10.00 to the school to help purchase raincoats for the Patrol Boys. We donated to the United War Fund as well as heading the drive in this community. We were proud to know that the donation exceeded that of the previous year. Again we gave an award to the outsanding girl and boy of the 1944 graduating class.

At our annual Christmas party pledge service was held, followed by a gift exchange and the singing of carols.

Our money-making projects consisted of raffling a basket of groceries at Christmas, conducting three very successful rummage sales, operating a "Gypsy Basket" which passes from member to member and contains food and various articles, and holding at each meeting a raffle to which each member present contributes a dime for a chance.

Even though we have to go to our nearby city, Muncie, to do Red Cross work, etc., several of our girls have spent many hours rolling bandages, while others have donated faithfully to the blood bank.

Plans are being discussed for a Youth Canteen but as yet no definite steps have been taken.

As our year draws to a close we sincerely hope as every Psi Ote does, that 1945 will bring Victory along with many accomplishments.

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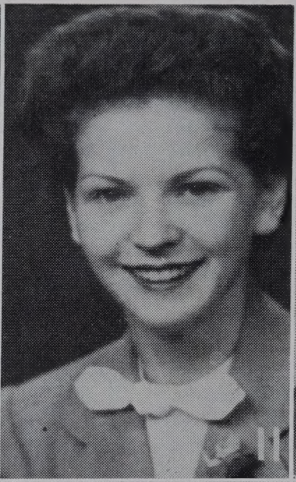
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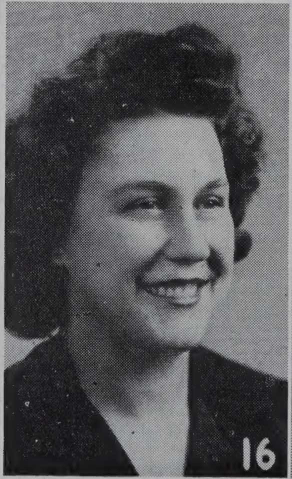
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BETA IOTA CHAPTER

Farmland, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. R. Ancil Kennedy
Vice President	Mrs. Ralph Thornburg
Secretary	Mrs. Myron Cook
Cor. Secy.	Jane Sites
Treasurer	Mrs. John Geise

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Phil Sites, Mrs. Ralph Hutchens, Mrs. Richard Bosworth.

MARRIAGES

Virginia Helen Brooks, Y 3/C, to Wendell O. Dean, Mus. 3/C, USNR.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Peck, a son, George Kies, II; to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Slaughter, a son, James Manor; to Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wall, a son, Ronald Dean; to Corp. and Mrs. Delbert Hiatt, a daughter, Susan Kathryn.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Iota Chapter enjoyed a quiet but successful year. We have discontinued our social parties with exception of a few special dinner meetings, which we have come to look forward to with much pleasure.

We started our money-making with an ice cream social at our annual carnival. We were fortunate to get in on another blanket club which was very successful. At Christmas we had a lovely bazaar, soup supper, and bake sale. We bought TB Bonds, donated to Red Cross, Cancer Control and the Infantile Paralysis Drive.

The Psi Ote book shelf continues to lengthen.

We have helped the local Girl Scouts and bought playground equipment for our school.

Several of our girls have moved away, some have joined their husbands who are in the service.

Rough initiation was held for the pledges with everyone having a hilarious time (except the pledges). Candlelight initiation services were held at the Friends Church in May, after which a party was given for the three new members at the home of Margaret Engle.

One of the most pleasant social functions of the year was a tea given for our mothers in May. Instead of giving favors to our guests we made a gift to War Mothers.

Each year we give a scholarship of five dollars to the boy or girl who graduates from high school with the highest honors.

Beta Iota is happy to do her part in furthering activities on the "Home Front."

ALPHA PHI CHAPTER

Fortville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Jeanette Williams
Vice President	Dorothy Hiday
Secretary	Connie Hudson
Cor. Secy.	Winifred Fuqua
Treasurer	Hazel Lacy

NEW MEMBERS

Peggy Deakyne, Joan Norris, Phyllis Beck, Betty Hiatt, Rosemary McBane.

MARRIAGES

Jane Crouch to Duane Hiday, Bernice Anderson to Gene Apple, Betty Lou Wright to Robert Prow.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Hiday, a son, Lanny Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Heche, a daughter, Dorinda; to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mitchell, a daughter, Sandra Kay.

NEWS LETTER

We got off to a flying start this year when we decided to have our pledge party in August. The reason for this was that several of the new pledges would be entering college in September.

Our initiation party was held on August 31st at the home of Catherine Everitt, about 40 members attended, and we were fortunate in initiating five lovely girls. We have appointed a standing initiation group and find it makes a very impressive ceremony.

In September Greenfield chapter invited us to a book review and tea, which was enjoyed by all of us.

We had fun at a wiener roast in October in the country at the home of one of our members and it was a beautiful moonlight night for the occasion.

A very interesting book review was given at our November social meeting.

Christmas brought our usual pitch-in supper with plenty of good things to eat, and a gift exchange. We had lots of fun.

On January 22nd we had a buffet supper at the home of our president in honor of Marie Adams, our honorary member who has spent many years in China doing missionary work and teaching in the schools. She was a Japanese prisoner of war until last year when she was sent home on the Gripsholm as an exchange prisoner. We are very proud of Marie and the work she is doing.

Our chapter was divided into two groups to make money. One group gave a community bridge and euchre party;

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10. Pauline Wirrick, Delta Beta, Indianapolis
11. Mary Alice Armstrong, Hagerstown
12. Mrs. Gerald Thompson, Zionsville
13. Mary Servies, Waynetown
14. Madeline Nicholson, Richmond
15. Mrs. Allen F. Randolph, Covington
16. Mrs. M. L. Wetzler, Portland
17. Mrs. T. J. Clutter, Mentone
18. Mrs. Ben Wainwright, Frankfort

while the other served food to the public and to the election board on election day. Both of our projects were quite successful.

We made new by-laws this year and feel that they are a big improvement over the old ones.

At Christmas we sent baskets of food to many homes in our town and bought a deserving young boy a complete outfit of clothes. We have contributed to all local and national drives, sponsored the Girl Scout troops, purchased Symphony tickets and are a member of Hoosier Salon.

WAR ACTIVITIES

We are proud to tell you that two of our members are officers of the Red Cross chapter, and another is chairman of our blood bank unit. We have wrapped bandages, acted as blood donors and coworkers at the blood bank, and are buying War Bonds.

BETA TAU CHAPTER

Frankfort, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Ben Wainwright
Vice President	Doris Knox
Secretary	Mrs. George Goodnight
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Dorsey Ayers
Treasurer	Mrs. Frank Longfellow

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Joseph O'Rear, Golden Rule, Jane De Poy, Mrs. Jackson Gee, Mrs. William Vanderkleed, Mrs. Horace Jenner, Ellen Louise Searles, Mary Ferguson, Norma Farr, Janet Kerchenfant, Mrs. Illma Cressup.

MARRIAGES

Martha Finney to John Redman, Esther McKinsey to S. Sgt. August A. Cassidy.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Rear, a daughter, Mary Michele; to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hodge, a daughter, Katherine Elaine.

NEWS LETTER

Our president, Martha Wainwright, began the year with a get-together party of the old and new officers at her home. Then we had our picnic and first business meeting of the year at the country home of Florence Orem. The next meeting was a pledge and initiation service for nine new members. This was held at twilight in Isabell's lovely garden.

Our charity work for this year has included buying glasses for a high school girl; helping the local Lions Club in their charity project of showing Colleen Moore's doll house—by buying tickets; bought two tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony; paid $10.00 to the Hoosier Salon for patroness dues; bought Christmas gifts for the people of the county farm; gifts for two hospital veterans; bought a Tuberculosis Bond and will donate to the Red Cross and Cancer Control Drive.

We have made our money from a card party, rummage sales, magazine subscriptions, and are looking forward to a play in the near future. The members of Beta Tau's choral group are rehearsing again this year and have sung at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, and are hoping to give a musical program in the spring.

Bess Longfellow opened her home to us in October for a social meeting. In November we enjoyed a breakfast party at Pansy Anderson's home with the new members entertaining us with a mock radio program.

We have started an art project this year which we hope to continue for years to come. Isabell Reichart, our past Grand President, started our art collection by giving us a water color by Letha Goekin. Since then we have added "Farm House" by Clifton Wheeler, and an oil painting by Edith Little. Both Letha and Edith are Psi Otes. The paintings are on display in the high school library. We hope to add one or two paintings each year to this collection.

Our literary program was held at the home of Mrs. Ed Hodge, Sr., a patroness. The annual Christmas party and gift exchange was a buffet supper held at Helen Erdle's. Another pledge and initiation service for two members was held during a tea at the home of Martha Wainwright.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Martha Redman, defense chairman, has had a very active year, 1944-45. She reports all Psi Otes are buying Stamps and Bonds regularly. Psi Otes helped to make the War Fund Drive here in Frankfort a huge success. John Farr was the chairman of the drive and selected our sorority to contact all women's organizations. The defense committee composed of Martha Redman, Evelyn Bond, Attarah Morrison, Judy Hodge, and Zera Gee sent out form letters to the various groups and contacted the presidents of the clubs by telephone. As a result of sorority efforts hundreds of dollars were turned in over and above the amount for the preceding year.

Each month a large box of magazines is sent to Camp Atterbury for the soldiers. Sorority girls hand in their old magazines and these are passed on to the men at Atterbury.

Beta Tau has an adopted Marine in the South Pacific. He was sent a very complete Christmas box plus Christmas messages. In addition three wounded men in Billings hospital were sent Christmas gifts and cheer.

Beta Tau contributed $50.00 towards the Cinton County War Fund drive.

Many Psi Ote girls have worked on various projects for the Red Cross. As soon as the Red Cross surgical dressing rooms are reopened the sorority will spend, as a group, one night a week and more in this great cause.

UPSILON CHAPTER

Greenfield, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. L. D. Crowell
Vice President	Mrs. Chas. Adams
Secretary	Mrs. Robt. Bentley
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. N. F. Dolfuss
Treasurer	Mrs. Glenden Holt

NEW MEMBERS

Harriett Ann Harold, Margaret Jane Reddick, Roberta Good, Joan Heller, Dorothy Dickman, Mrs. Hiram T. Sexson, Mrs. George Tindall, Mrs. Gerald Shively, Mrs. Mason Warner.

MARRIAGES

Virginia Jane Kemerly to Fredrick W. Fenner, Jr; Margaret Jane Reddick to Jack D. Johnson, PHM 3/C; Alice Jaenne Boots to A. S. Edward Unverzagt, USNR V-12; Barbara Walker to Lt. Hugh Leary.

BIRTHS

To Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Bussell, a son, Larry Durand; to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Hardin, a son, John William; to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wolfe, Jr., a son, Roger Martindale; to Pfc. and Mrs. E. Curtis Murphy, a daughter, Martha Ann; to Pfc. and Mrs. Donald M. Hopkins, a son, Donald M., Jr.; to Pvt. and Mrs. Robert Arnold Shively, a son, Robert Arnold, II; to Dr. and Mrs. Hiram T. Sexson, a son, Richard Haskell; to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shively, a daughter, Linda Jane; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murnan, Jr., a daughter, Sandra Lynne; to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eggleston, a daughter, Carolyn Kay; to Glenden Holt, MOMM 2/C and Mrs. Holt, a daughter, Sarah Jane; to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Kassen, a son, William Carl.

NEWS LETTER

This year our first thought in Upsilon Chapter has been to help the war effort wherever possible, and it has been fun!

All our business meetings have been held at the Red Cross rooms; making surgical dressings, knitting afghans for wounded veterans, making USO scrap books, and one meeting was devoted to packing boxes for the Russian War Relief. Our president, Edna Crowell, along with some of the other girls, worked at our local canning factory this summer canning tomatoes. They turned the money earned over to the treasury.

War Saving Stamps have been sold at all our meetings, and we have purchased three $100.00 War Bonds this year; $50.00 was given to the USO, and $25.00 was given to the Red Cross.

Our second thought was to give cheer to those less fortunate about us. One of our main charity projects is to furnish milk and crackers to the East Greenfield school children, which we are doing again this year, at a cost of $90.00. At Christmas we gave $25.00 to the County Welfare Board to provide a little Christmas for some of the children of our community who might have awakened on Christmas morning to an empty stocking; also a warm blanket was given to an unfortunate elderly lady, and a basket of food to another. In the recent Infantile Paralysis drive we gave $25.00; to the Salvation Army, $15.00; and to the Cancer Control $10.00. For the youth of Greenfield we have sponsored two Teen-Age Mixers at our Memorial Building. Dance music from a juke box, cokes, pop corn, and a door prize for the one holding the lucky number highlighted the evenings. These mixers are fun and even some of the adults step out to watch on the sidelines. We also sponsor a Girl Scout Brownie troop and we gave $25.00 to Boys' Club.

Our two rummage sales have been great successes, due to the splendid cooperation of our girls and good rummage.

Our parties have been fewer this year, but outstanding. The usual May breakfast turned out to be a seven o'clock dinner for our nine new members and their mothers, with pledge services held that night. This was a grand party with a large attendance, good food, and enjoyable entertainment by our own girls.

In June we initiated our new members and this was followed by a night picnic held at Riley Park Shelter House. Our new members were responsible for the entertainment.

In July we all enjoyed a rest and the same in August.

September started off with a bang; with a book review by Mrs. Clayton Ridge of Indianapolis. We invited Fortville chapter as our guests for the evening.

In October, we enjoyed a combination hayride and Halloween party at the country home of Mrs. Robert Bentley. A haywagon picked us up in Greenfield and took us to our destination where a delicious meal awaited us. Fortune-telling, bobbing for apples, games, and scary stories were the main attractions of the evening.

A lovely Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. E. T. Boyer and at this party our Psi Ote Choir made its debut, singing several Christmas carols. Bridge was played and lovely refreshments were served by the committee.

We also had a Christmas dance, held on Christmas night, which proved to be fun for the young and old of Greenfield and a huge success for Upsilon Chapter.

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER

Hagerstown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. John Armstrong
Vice President	Mrs. Howard Dirks
Secretary	Mrs. Bruce Abbott
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. M. H. McKinnon
Treasurer	Mrs. Walter Wichterman

NEW MEMBERS

Frieda Aders, Mrs. O. M. Bland, Mrs. Robert Falck, Mrs. Clyde Hoffman, Kathry Hoover, Mrs. T. Seffrin, Jean Wichterman, Mrs. Eugene Worl, Juliet Bookout.

PLEDGES

Mrs. Donald McCullough, Mary Jane Hindman, Louise Cory, Mrs. E. B. Shultze.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lacy, a son, Gregg Farnsworth; to Mr. and Mrs. T. Seffrin, a son, John Reece.

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Chi, again this year with most of our interests centered on war work, planned a program with that in mind.

We opened our 1944-45 season with a dinner meeting at the Hartley Hills Country Club. The program committee discussed the work of Alpha Chi for the coming year and we feel that they have worked out a very interesting program for us. The majority of our programs are on such subjects as Mexico, Russia, Greece and so forth. We feel that in studying these various countries we will be able to have a better understanding of their problems and of the part they are playing in this World War. So far this year we have had discussions on Mexico, Russia, Greece and Palestine. In meetings to come we will discuss Africa, India and Alaska.

We have been very busy with our charity projects this year. We sent a child to the Speech and Hearing Clinic this last summer and were very pleased with the progress made and hope to be able to send the child again this year. We are still carrying on with our Dental Clinic for small children and our Lunch and Milk program. We are sponsoring the Girl Scouts again this year, made our annual distribution of Christmas baskets, helped with the scrap drive and War Bond drive. Our Red Cross committee has been very busy. Once a month they are sending bingo prizes to Camp Atterbury. They collected, wrapped and delivered Christmas packages to the Red Cross. This year we become a patron member of the Hoosier Art Salon Association. The pictures that we receive are to be sent to the local high school for display. Last summer as our donation to the enjoyment and benefit of our community we gave a picnic table, benches and a picnic furnace to the park. This project was started by the merchants of our town.

With our program, our members buying their share of War Bonds, and doing their share of Red Cross work we feel that in our small way we are helping to shorten this war.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Once a month we have set apart $25 for bingo prizes which are sent to Camp Atterbury. Our committee selects the gifts, wraps them and also takes care of the mailing. At Christmas time each member of Alpha Chi gave $2 for a gift for Red Cross Christmas packages.

We have purchased two $100 Bonds. We are happy to report that all of our members have and are purchasing their share of War Bonds.

Several of our members are very active in Red Cross work and some of the girls have started a knitting circle. They have completed several sweaters, socks and scarfs.

During each War Bond drive the Alpha Chi Chapter, with other organizations in town, has made a canvass of the town and has been very successful in War Bond sales.

DELTA CHAPTER

Indianapolis, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. James L. Carr
Vice President	Mrs. Byron H. Brenton
Secretary	Mrs. R. R. Powell
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Dwight W. Brill
Treasurer	Mrs. Jack T. Seward

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Harold Chloupek, Mrs. Robert McDermond, Mrs. Shockley Lockridge, Mary Glenn, June Sink.

PLEDGES

Mrs. Edwin Steer, Mrs. Lloyd Davis.

BIRTHS

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert H. Lockman, a son, Robert Michael; to Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Kiser, a daughter, Barbara Ellen Kiser.

NEWS LETTER

Greetings! Another year has passed and another prayer for peace comes from every heart.

Due to curtailed transportation and our earnest endeavor to assist in the war effort, Delta's social activities have been limited during the past year.

Helen Rahe was hostess in October to a guest bridge party. Veda Pierce entertained the Deltas and their guests at a chili supper in November. By the way, Veda's husband is a lieutenant in the Dental Corps and is serving overseas. They have a young son whom the lieutenant has never seen. Our annual Christmas dinner party was at the Columbia Club—thanks to our member who has a membership there. In spite of the cold snowy night we all had an evening of gaiety. Reta Carmack was hostess to pledge party in January. After pledge services we had a lively game of bingo. Formal initiation of our two pledges will be held in February.

Again this year, our charity fund was increased from sales of Household Paper Products. Our profits have been surprising and the project represents much hard work for the chairman, Helen Seward.

Delta contributed to Hoosier Salon and several girls served as hostesses at Hoosier Salon exhibit at the William H. Block Company. We supported the Symphony by purchasing two season tickets. Rena Mae Powell is our very able chairman of our Riley Hospital project. She and her committee purchased appropriate gifts which were presented to the children on the various holidays. Delta sponsored a Flower Show at L. S. Ayers Company which netted over $300.00—to be donated to Billings Hospital for use in their occupational therapy ward. We also donated $50.00 for cards, magazines, etc., for service men.

By the way, you all remember the painting, "Indian Craft," which Delta won at convention. That has been loaned to Riley Hospital and has been placed properly in our ward.

Now comes the report of our war work. Sixty per cent of the members reporting are blood donors. One Delta, Mary Jane Seward, is a third-time donor. We responded to the call for workers at the Bond Booth during the Bond drives and the members purchased Bonds generously. The girls have worked a total of 320 hours at the USO and 810 hours at Red Cross. Several members are assisting in Civilian Defense projects.

Delta has one member serving with the armed forces. Mildred Bacon is a WAVE and is stationed at Atlanta, Georgia. A Christmas remembrance was sent to Mildred and we thought you might be interested in the letter which we received from her. (This appears elsewhere in Helicon.)

DELTA BETA CHAPTER

Indianapolis, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Pauline Fleece Wirick
Vice President	Mrs. Wendel Reed
Secretary	Mrs. Ralph Johnson
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Mack Reed
Treasurer	Therese Moran

NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Richards, Columbus; Mrs. Carl R. Sims, Frankfort; Mrs. Leonora Kolbet Schrichte, Rushville; Mrs. Raleigh Miller, Farmland; Mrs. John Conway, Rushville; Mrs. Glen Marshall, Bloomington.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis, a daughter, Cynthia Ann, Nov. 5, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Vondersaar, a daughter, Kathleen Sue, Dec. 6, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sims, a son, William Marquis, March 6, 1944; to Lt. (sg) and Mrs. Hill, a daughter, Barbara Lee, October 5, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Dear Marguerite:

After having been a member of an active chapter of Psi Ote you know I was rather dubious about affiliating with an inactive chapter. However, much to my pleasant surprise, I learned that being "associate" doesn't necessarily mean being "inactive." I want to tell you what an interesting and busy year we have had.

In March, Beta and Delta Beta held a joint meeting to formulate plans for the Psi Ote National Convention.

We had a dinner party in April at the Sheffield Inn. At this time we had written inspection. Remember how we dreaded our first inspection? We feared our inspectress would have horns!

Our May meeting was a dessert bridge. We discussed the Speech and Hearing Clinic and Dorotha Ellen Kirk was appointed to make a report on the program as it affects Indianapolis children. We also voted to buy two Indianapolis Symphony tickets.

Although it rained we had a picnic in June. We had it in the community building at Brookside Park. We had a short business meeting at which time we made our customary donation to the Penny Ice Fund. Meetings were adjourned until September.

It was good to see all of the girls again in the fall. Mrs. Meredith Nicholson, Jr., who is on the staff of the Isolation Hospital, talked to us on "Social Hygiene." Delta Beta collected materials for handicraft and cotton clothing for use of the patients while being treated at the hospital.

Our October meeting was a dessert bridge and it was at this meeting that we voted to pay our annual membership to the Hoosier Art Salon. This entitles two of our members to attend the formal opening of the annual exhibit at Block's.

In November our hostess had a lovely painting by Bonsid on exhibit. It was from the Hoosier Art Salon. Mrs. Noble Reynolds gave an interesting talk on China.

We had a Christmas gift grab-bag exchange at the Sheffield Inn. After dinner we had a short business meeting before playing bridge. At this meeting we purchased a TB Bond.

The January meeting was held at the War Memorial Building. It was a very cold night but after business meeting was over we had movies about South America. Quite a contrast!

You would enjoy our February meeting for it is to be a book review by Mrs. Ann Oberchain.

Now I must tell you some of the other activities and interests of the girls.

Delta Beta is aiding Red Cross with their occupational therapy program at Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. This is the chapter's charity project for the year. So many of the girls are busy with war activities such as knitting, sewing, folding bandages for Red Cross, helping at USO centers, contributing to Red Cross blood bank, assisting with the rationing program, collecting games, books, magazines, yarn, belt buckles, old shirts and various items needed for Red Cross recreational programs, selling War Stamps and Bonds and helping at Child Care centers.

In addition to our war work many of our girls are engaged in projects of civic interest such as Boy Scout work and three of our girls served on the subscription committee for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

You must agree with me that Delta Beta is active as well as being associate. It has been a busy year and that is as it should be. I will be looking forward to seeing you at our next annual convention.

Your Psi Ote sister,

Mildred.

OMEGA CHAPTER

Lebanon, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Robert O'Neil
Vice President	Marian Walker
Secretary	Mrs. Robert Thomas
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Buren Crane
Treasurer	Mary Jane Gabriel

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Beth Simmons, Jeanne Elsey, Dorothy Shepherd, Huldah Slagle, Mary C. McClaine, Mrs. Herbert Fletcher, Mrs. Robert Ballard, Mrs. Leland Burchell, Kathleen Lane, Patty Washburn, Mrs. Carl Lang, Mrs. Howard Hicks.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mary C. McClaine to Charles Powell.

MARRIAGES

Betty Montgomery to Corp. Kenneth H. Schoenewey.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Saltmarsh, a daughter, Sybil Elaine; to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Click, a daughter, Susan Ellen; to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chambers, a daughter, Carolyn Sue; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, a son, Robert Russell; to Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Richard Lenox, a son, Richard Shelby.

NEWS LETTER

During the past year we continued to support all of the community war activities. We were especially proud of the services contributed by seventeen Psi Ote girls as Nurses Aides throughout the year in our local hospital. Three of our girls

A Number of Lebanon Psi Otes Who Are Assisting in Local Nurses' Aide Work

Seated, left to right: Doll Parker, captain of Nurses' Aide Corps; Helen Ogden, Marian Walker, Ramona Cason, Sue Shera.

Standing, left to right: Alice Garrison, Margaret Shelby, member of Nurses' Aide Committee; Flora Shumate, instructor; Nelia Cline, chairman of Nurses' Aid Committee; Sally Vogel.

assisted as Nurses Aides at Camp Atterbury for periods of two and three weeks.

Other war activities in which we are participating are knitting, surgical dressings, and all salvage drives for waste paper, tin, and fats. Several girls assist the local rationing board in checking prices at our stores. Plans are now being formulated for more active work in Red Cross wherever it may be needed. At our spring dance a $50 War Bond was sold.

We have continued our dental clinic—our major charitable activity of Omega. This work was started in November, and necessary work is being done for children unable to have the work done themselves. Other charitable activities during the year include the following contributions: Cancer Fund, $10.00; Boy Scouts, $10.00; Girl Scouts, $10.00; Red Cross War Fund, $100.00; TB Health Bond, $10.00, and USO, $15.00.

We are continuing our interest in art and literature. Our president is a member of the Hoosier Salon Association, and we contributed to the support of the Indianapolis Symphony. Twenty-six books were added to our bookshelf at the Carnegie Library in 1944, dealing with the best fiction and non-fiction. Our summer reading program for children was successful with fifteen children completing the course. They received books as prizes.

Our money-making projects were a food sale and two used toy and clothing sales, netting us $235.76. We are continuing the stationery and magazine sales, which gave us a profit of $80.00. We now have in progress a blanket club. We realized a return of $175.00 at our annual spring dance.

During the past year we held two initiations, and have twelve new members. We have attempted to continue our meetings as close to normal as possible, with one business and one social meeting a month. Inspection was held in May by our former Grand President, Isabelle Reichart.

Another year of war finds us all looking forward to the peace that will come, with the return to normal living for all of us. May 1945 see this wish come true.

WAR REPORT

The following gives the number of hours our members have contributed to various war activities from June, 1944, to January 1, 1945.

War Fund Drive	56 Hrs.
Nurses Aides	661 Hrs.
Red Cross	30 Hrs.
Civilian Defense	30 Hrs.
Rationing Board	2 Hrs.
Surgical Dressings	15 Hrs.
Bond Drive	10 Hrs.
Blood Donor Unit	41½ Hrs.
Tin Can Salvage	3 Hrs.
	848½ Hrs.

BETA UPSILON CHAPTER

Mt. Vernon, Ohio

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Charles M. Zelkowitz
Vice President	Marjorie Dowds
Secretary	Mrs. Carl H. Vaupel
Cor. Secy.	Mary E. Salisbury
Treasurer	Mrs. Charles Seibold

NEW PATRONESSES

Mrs. Lawrence Beecher, Mrs. George Israel, Mrs. Robert Stauffer, Mrs. James Platt.

PLEDGES

Mrs. Wilford Barnes, Mrs. Rex Lamb, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Sellers.

MARRIAGES

Jean Hall to Lt. Paul E. Dean.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Newell, a son, George, June 8, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Lawzy me! Procrastination
Always gets one in a jam!
All that's left, is one short week
To write one's views
On social news;
Such data's scattered,
Nerves are shattered,
There's a deadline I must meet.

What IS a struggling reporter to do?

The president of our worthy organization informs me that her picture does not merit reproduction—a word of praise for her as our "pilot" during these days.

The corresponding secretary marries a handsome lieutenant, and having suspended her office, leaves, not only for Florida, but her office to be sustained by "Sister-Psi Ote." A mother does not recall the birth date of her cherub, and refers the matter to her husband. Members are modest about having their names appear in connection with such splendid services as blood donors; donating Santa's suit, to create the only bit of real Christmas atmosphere enjoyed by a group of children; and so on. . . .

WAR ACTIVITIES

Priorities govern our lives today, as well they ought, and so war work supersedes social activities, but no matter what the task at hand, we've found our pleasure in working together as Psi Otes.

With the Red Cross Home Service, we have joined hands under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Jahnke, and have worked daily to lighten the responsibilities of this splendid service. In order to become acquainted with this work, we entertained with a dinner at the Country Club, in honor of Mrs. Richardson, the director, who later gave a talk on the history and work of the organization. Mrs. Jahnke, a patroness, is devoting a major part of her time to this work, with members assisting her.

Our only money-raising project was

our rummage sale, of which Dorthy Olson and Susan Upham were in charge. This endeavor netted us $138.00.

Our cash contributions, with a total of $110.00 expended, were to: The Red Cross, High School Athletic Association, Seeing Eye, Phone Home Fund (Crile Hospital, Cleveland), Tuberculosis Association and Community Chest.

Very soon we are to begin our project at the Children's Home. In connection with this thought, on Christmas Eve, Aline Gill and Faye O'Bryan played Santa Claus to the children. Faye read a story and gifts were distributed. The eager and smiling faces were mute thanks for a merry evening.

Likewise, we took care of a private family's needs for a more comfortable Christmas, supplying them with clothing and food.

Our war hours total 1,825, and Leona Culbertson contributes much as a member of the Red Cross board of directors. She is chairman, in charge of surgical dressings and has rendered this important service for several years. She also takes an active part in the blood donor's unit, three days a week—ninth trip.

Aline Gill and Jean Hall Dean have received their silver buttons as blood donors.

The Women's Committee for War Bond Drives is headed by Faye O'Bryan. She has managed this office most efficiently for three years. She also is chairman of the Playground Committee for summer recreation, for which $525.00 was collected in "Tag Day" receipts.

A number of our members assisted with the Chest Clinic at the Mt. Vernon High School.

To each of those husbands and sons in the foreign service went a Christmas gift from Psi Iota Xi.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

A lovely tea was given in honor of our patronesses, at the home of Mary Claypool. The guests were entertained by an interesting account of the "Highlights" of Beta Upsilon during the past seven years. The résumé was arranged by Mary Koch.

Our annual picnic is an occasion to which all look forward. Susan Upham, as hostess, made the informal party an enjoyable one.

Marjorie Dowds was hostess to the group, with supper served in honor of Louise Koch, an associate member, now living in Scarsdale, New York.

On another occasion, members and patronesses were entertained in the home of Helen Zelkowitz, our president. The party was given for Mrs. Thos. Hudgins, a patroness, who has moved from Mount Vernon. Working together as Psi Otes unites us happily in purpose and friendship.

ALPHA CHAPTER

Muncie, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Ray H. Morrison
Vice President	Mrs. Joseph H. Clevenger
Secretary	Mrs. Robert S. Kersey
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Fred M. Crapo
Treasurer	Mrs. C. Hustin Goddard

NEW MEMBERS

Elaine Bayless, Mrs. John Drum, Mrs. James Hammer, Martha Letzler, Marian Palmer, Mrs. Lincoln Parry, Mrs. Fred Rieman, Suzanne Smith, Dorothy Spurgeon, Patricia Tuhey, Mrs. James Wingate, Phoebe Yeo.

PLEDGES

Janet Carol Crapo, Lois Ann Piepho, Alberta Jeanne Taylor, Barbara Wright, Christine Moodey, Constance Owsley, Jean Smith.

MARRIAGES

Nancy Ann Moore to Lt. Everett H. Krueger, in June.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ault, a son, Brian Carr; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Casson, a son, John Franklin; to Mr. and Mrs. William Horton, a son, Frederick William; to Mr. and Mrs. William Pfeiffer, a daughter, Nancy Ann.

NEWS LETTER

There is much to be done these days, and everyone is working right up to capacity. Never has good organization been more important, and for that reason never has there been greater cause to be proud of Psi Iota Xi.

The spirit of Psi Iota Xi has kept pace with the times. By what stages we have progressed from the fudge and hand-embroidered chemise days (hand-work by ourselves, remember?) to the present ones of high-geared efficiency, we may not recall. That much leisure was pleasant and not wrong, but it was not necessary. We in Alpha find that our meetings are a mixture of work and fun, for if "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," it also makes Jill a dull girl, no doubt. Someone has said that work is anything we do not like to do; but that is not true of the efforts we put forth in behalf of Psi Iota Xi. We may find ourselves working hard; but we are eager and glad to be of service.

I have said we also have fun. We do relax and have some very good times. Some entertainment is planned. However, we have not been having our annual Christmas dance. The pattern has changed with war; but the thread of human nature is the same, and we still have good times on a curtailed scale.

Our projects providing funds for our charitable and philanthropic interests this year (since last letter) have been:

MARYBELLE SPURGEON
Alpha Chapter, Muncie

Rummage sales (more to come).

A talk by Robert St. John.

Sales of Riley Character Dolls.

These have netted approximately $700.00.

The rummage sales were headed by Gertrude Hutzel, who says, "The current popularity of the white elephant sale and the more common rummage sale provided fun and profit for Alpha Chapter. . . . To get a stock of such varied items as dog beds, ermine-collared evening wraps, shoes from size 2½ to 10, clothes for every season and every shape, lamps, bird cages and fountain pens, at no cost but the effort of sorting, is a compelling incentive to get into the rummage business. A convenient rent-free garage, a box of change, an enthusiastic committee and a sunny day, combined with the all important generous donors —this is the simple formula for success. A day of surprising transactions, a bewildering number of customers happy with good bargains, and a general atmosphere of business and hustle—this is a unique experience. It was shared with Marie Hayler, Elizabeth Ball and Ethel Medsker."

Robert St. John was greeted warmly when he spoke here on Sunday afternoon of November twelfth. As a war correspondent and author of "From the Land of Silent People," and "It's Always Tomorrow," his experiences and opinions carried weight with his audience. Freda Barnes and Ruth Smith were co-chairmen of that committee which functioned most efficiently.

Now the doll fund committee seems to be very special indeed. Betty OHara is it, and an excellent committee of one. The Riley dolls, called "Milly's Miniatures," and already highly favored as very special gifts, are to be augmented by a group of these dolls known as "The Tea Party," which are to be raffled within the chapter, at meetings—the proceeds to add to the funds.

Here's what we are doing with our funds:

Aiding our Day Nursery (our main project).

Giving handicapped children Speech and Hearing Clinic benefits (clinic of Indiana University).

Providing the Emma Cammack scholarship (our own local project).

Giving support to the Indianapolis Symphony.

Contributing to the Hoosier Art Salon.

Sending memorials to the visiting nurse and the Day Nursery.

Subscribing to the United War Fund and the Red Cross.

Marybelle Spurgeon, president of the Day Nursery board, reports, "Alpha Chapter's Day Nursery completed its 26th year of operation in January, 1945. During 1944, 7415 children were cared for, making an average daily attendance of 29. The total cost of operation, which included the expenditure of more than $500.00 for the installation of a fire escape, was approximately $8400.00, of which $4000.00 was furnished by the Muncie Community Fund. The balance was obtained from funds earned by the sorority, plus the small fees which the parents of the children pay. The Nursery has grown in size and scope, and the chapter is proud that it was one of the pioneers in this field. A board of directors, composed of eight members, is responsible for the supervision of operations; but the actual care of the children, whose ages range from two to eight years, is entrusted to a staff of six employees, plus occasional extra help from high school girls who are engaged to assist during the busiest hours. A number of the active chapter members have given many hours of volunteer help also. During the past few years we have cared for a few children of men and women who had, themselves, attended the Nursery during childhood, and Alpha hopes that she will continue to meet the standards which are required to hold a license for child day care unto the third and fourth generations, or longer. This responsibility has long since become an integral part of the community development and as such, the chapter has taken its place among the civic groups giving needed services."

The Remedial Speech and Hearing committee, headed by Hope Neiswanger, records that one girl has had treatment for hearing by Dr. Brown; and several cases are pending investigation for possible tonsillectomies.

The Emma Cammack Scholarship is awarded to a girl attending Ball State College who has been a two-year Latin student at Central High, where Miss Cammack taught Latin. The present recipient is the fourth student to receive the scholarship. Charline Jamieson and Dorothy Shinkle are the able co-chairmen of this committee.

Elizabeth Turk says that two tickets were purchased for the Symphony and are placed usually with servicemen or students at Ball State. Once they were sent to Billings Hospital.

Again we have our Patron's membership to the Hoosier Art Salon. Some of the exhibit is expected to be shown here as part of the Muncie Art Association program.

Our memorials are two-fold:

Visiting Nurse
Day Nursery

The sorority sends memorials to the Visiting Nurse Association upon death of a member or relative. Six such memorials have been sent this year, according to Ashton Kimbrough. She says that many memorials are given to the Day Nursery by members and townspeople who wish to express their interest in the Nursery, or are fond of children.

Gertrude Tuhey, secretary in charge of Day Nursery Memorials, says, "Eight gifts of cash were received in 1944 from nineteen people, in memory of five who had died. These gifts totaled $106.00 and were put into a fund for the purpose of taking care of special needs of the Day Nursery."

Here is our War Report:

The sum of $150.00 has been given to the United War Fund.

An amount, as yet undetermined, will go to Red Cross.

Christmas gifts were sent to Camp Atterbury through the Camp and Hospital committee of the local Red Cross Chapter. Elizabeth Turk received a nice note of thanks from the committee.

Preliminary individual defense reports show most gratifying results. We are engaged in Red Cross knitting and sewing, list nurses' aides, owners of many Stamps and Bonds, blood donors, gas and oil rationing assistants, home service workers, United War Fund solicitors, Red Cross staff assistants, USO workers, canners in factories, home nurses, camp and hospital assistants and civilian defense volunteers. All of our members able to devote time to the war effort are doing so. Many are chairmen or vice-chairmen of their committees, and many hours of duty are indicated. Two of our members whose activities are widespread are Mary Wysor Keefer and Marybelle Spurgeon. Mary is a member of the National Advisory Committee of Red Cross Medical Social Work, and also of the National Advisory Committee of the United States Bureau on Emergency Maternal and Infant Care for Servicemen's Families.

Marybelle, for the third consecutive year, has received an appointment to the National Committee for Camp and Hospital Councils of the American Red Cross. The appointments are offered for one year at a time and Marybelle has been the only Indiana representative since the organization of the committee. All members of the committee are delegated as field representatives on a volunteer basis and are responsible for the instruction and interpretation of the camp and hospital program in the Red Cross chapters that are participants in this service. Marybelle reports that she is proud of the record the Psi Iota Xi chapters have made in the many communities she has visited on her extensive travels throughout Indiana. We are proud to be able to send the picture of Marybelle in her uniform.

I've just learned some very interesting news about Eleanor Spencer Drake. She has been a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia, where she has been in charge of some of the women's barracks. That I knew, but I have just heard that since Christmas she has been given charge of all women stationed there, whereas, prior to that time, she was in charge of half. The total number is 540.

And now for a bit of the social side of our life. It is always such a pleasure to attend our meetings. It is a real joy to see each other again (sometimes in these busy days that has not happened since the last Psi Ote meeting). Our last meeting of last year was a buffet dinner, held at the country club. This replaced the annual picnic. In addition, we had pledging and initiation services, and installation of officers.

Our opening meeting of the fall was Founders' Day banquet, at the country club, given by both Alpha, with her pledges, and the associate chapter, Delta Epsilon. A unique feature of the evening was the modeling by members of wedding dresses dating from the time of the founders to the present—in periods of five years. Some members modeled their own wedding dresses, and that's a feat!

The Christmas tea and initiation were held at Dardis Johnson's home on December twelfth. Miss Emma Cammack was the guest of honor. The past president, Dardis, and the present president, Marian Morrison, presided at the tea table.

In March we are to have a musicale at the home of Bertha Spurgeon. We usually have a musicale once a year. This evening will be largely social—that is, the business may be geared to the minimum.

That brings us close to picnic time again—and the distribution of the new Helicons at that meeting. And then the cycle begins anew. Our president wants me to be sure to tell you of our vast membership (we are sorry a prize isn't being offered, as we think we have practically no competition). We have eighty-one active members and ten inactive members, making a possible total of ninety-one to call to order in meeting. Speaking of picnics, that task may not be one, exactly, but Marian enjoys doing it, and is making a grand success of being president.

DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER

Muncie, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Roy Ward
Vice President	Mrs. Virgil Lamb
Secretary	Mrs. William Vickers
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Virgil Lamb
Treasurer	Mrs. Rolland Skyock

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Thomas Graham, Mrs. Charles Phillips, Mrs. John Grace, Mrs. John Pershing, Mrs. Robert Bagley, Mrs. Dallas Pearsey, Mrs. Fred Stoner.

NEWS LETTER

Our first meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Ivan Roetkin, was made ever more enjoyable and interesting by the presence of five new members, Mrs. Robert Bagley, Mrs. Fred Stoner, Mrs. John Grace, Mrs. Charles Phillips and Mrs. John Pershing.

Believe us, to have a room full of people at a meeting is a welcome sight.

In September we joined the Alpha Chapter at the Annual Founders' Day dinner at the Delaware Country Club. The highlight of the evening was a style show depicting wedding gowns of "Psi Ote" members from the time the organization was founded up to the present. From bustles to bare knees. Models were represented from both chapters.

In November we had a rummage sale. Need more be said about a rummage sale outcome in times like these?

And then along came Christmas time with dinner, gift exchange and just plain sociability. I won't mention show.

In January two more new members came to the meeting at Mrs. Virgil Lamb's home, Mrs. Thomas Graham and Mrs. Dallas Pearsey. We are growing. Please, please don't move away anybody from Muncie.

And that brings us up to the present with a membership of eighteen. It's fun now.

We are proud of Mrs. William Hickman who, besides being an accomplished flutist and music teacher and a student at Ball State, has still found time to put in five weeks of Red Cross work, five hours a day and then some on Saturdays.

Also we are proud of Mrs. Ralph Lerch who has given book reviews for many groups. When she reviews them, it makes you want to read the books.

THETA CHAPTER

New Castle, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Kenneth Pope
Vice President	Mrs. Rex Fegley
Secretary	Mrs. Robert Hunter
Cor. Secy.	Mary Louise Heller
Treasurer	Mrs. Rebecca Spitler

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Allan Fromuth, Mrs. Ercie C. Castor (affiliated from Eaton), Wilma Love (affiliated from Eaton), Virginia Howard, Ruth Knollman, Margaret Boyd, Katherine Chesick, Joy Davis, Jean Hicks, Norma Jean Scott, Mary Alice Townsend, Elizabeth Rooney (affiliated from Remington), Esther Rooney (affiliated from Remington).

PLEDGES

Mrs. Harry A. Cooper, Mrs. Owen S. Parrish.

ENGAGEMENTS

Martha Emry to George Hopkins.

MARRIAGES

Marilyn Burnett to John Morgan.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gough, a son, Larry Layton; to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Spurgeon, a son, Stephen Carl; to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Webb, a son, John Bernard.

NEWS LETTER

The year 1944-45 for Theta Chapter promised to be an interesting one with the opening meeting being a dinner bridge party at the YMCA, the new officers acting as hostesses.

Early in the year we formulated plans for a rummage sale and a bake sale, which together with those held in the spring brought in $317.31. We also secured Mrs. Olive Enslen Tinder of Indianapolis for another series of monthly book reviews. There were over 200 tickets sold, which also helped in our effort to swell our treasury.

We made donations to the Tuberculosis Seal Drive, at which members assisted, to the War and Community Fund drive, our own Louise Koons Edwards being chairman of the Women's Division. We also donated to the City Federation of Clubs' Christmas Toy Fund, the American Red Cross, and we purchased a Hoosier Salon membership and a Symphony ticket to be used by servicemen.

We also assisted at the Castle Theatre during two War Bond drives and sold $41,000 in Bonds. We continued our small change fund at business meetings and have already sent $25.00 for birthday cakes for soldiers at Wakeman General Hospital. Jessie Durrell has done outstanding work as Henry County chairman of Camp and Council Service for the American Red Cross and has taken a number of our girls with her to Camp Atterbury when gifts were distributed.

At this time we feel it most important to write about our girls who are doing such a magnificent job giving of their time and effort in the many patriotic duties to help win the war. We have eleven Nurses Aides who serve at the Henry County Hospital under Dorothy Septer who is assistant superintendent at the hospital. Associate Member Emily Teetor is chairman of all Nurse Aide volunteer work for Henry County.

Five of our members are drivers in the Motor Corps and various members work each week at the Red Cross office as staff assistants and claim assistants. Edith Morris is chairman of all American Red Cross volunteer work and Adah Mendenhall is serving as liaison officer between the local Red Cross office and all other Henry County offices and has been doing a wonderful job and has now volunteered as chairman of the women's division of the American Red Cross War Fund for Henry County.

As for our social activities, in October we celebrated Halloween with a "feudin' party" at the home of Adaline Chambers Bailey. The Martins and Coys all turned out in their "feudin' " clothes and despite the fact that there was much feelin' between the two families, everyone had a wonderful time. Clay pipes, shotguns, buck teeth and bare feet and long underwear seemed most prevalent. A hillbilly band presented appropriate music during the judgin' of the most beautiful member of each family, and refreshments were served hand-to-mouth style.

In November we had a Thanksgiving dinner-bridge and on December 27th we celebrated our thirty-sixth anniversary with a wonderful banquet, at which time our honorary members served as hostesses. This was followed by our annual New Year's Eve ball which was quite successful.

We are planning a Valentine party, a March musical, and a spring party at which we anticipate entertaining high school rushees, and our Mothers' Day party. We have had a most successful year in spite of snow and cold weather and hope by this time next year we can be writing a postwar story. Our Nutrition Camp plans for this summer are under way and we feel confident that again we will help many little boys and girls gain strength spiritually and physically.

GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER

Portland, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. M. L. Wetzler
Vice President	Mrs. Otis Wood
Secretary	Mrs. John Miller
Cor. Secy.	Mary Jane Dollins
Treasurer	Mrs. Luther Hammitt

NEW MEMBERS

Gloria Ann Brown, Ethelyn Norris, Mrs. Joseph Michael, Mrs. Max Rathburn, Mrs. Harold Wallace.

PLEDGES

Myrna Sue O'Shaughnessy, Mary Jane Miles.

MARRIAGES

DeLain Hasson to Albert L. Adams, March 29, 1944; Marilou O'Shaughnessy to Nicholas Cannici, November 22, 1944; Virginia Noll to Joseph Michael Reidy, December 4, 1944.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Ferguson, a son, John Hamilton, August 14, 1944; to Corp. and Mrs. George Payne, a daughter, Pamela E., August 28, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson, a daughter, Linda Jane, September 1, 1944; to Corp. and Mrs. Leon Reitenour, a daughter, Phyllis Elaine, September 2, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller, a son, Charles Hugh, II, October 12, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Gamma Alpha broadcasting from the

Home Front! Waiting for the boys to come home, trying to do our bit.

We had to seize every opportunity for money-making projects as we are in a small town with two competitive sororities.

We pounced upon the Horse Meet during the last week of June for our first big project. Amid a scarcity of ration points, borrowed pots and pans, inexperienced cooks, saying nothing of the heat and horseflies, we fed the horsemen and netted the beautiful sum of $483.09. A vote of thanks to our members for the early and late hours they had to put in to make this project a success.

The Jay County Fair always affords a chance to enlarge our funds. Last year at the Psi Ote stand chicken sandwiches were our specialty, made and donated by our members. We also sold iced drinks and coffee and came through $160.05 ahead.

Rummage sales are always an easy way to make money. The three we have held during the year have made us $281.45. White elephant sales held during social meetings added fun as well as $40.01 profit.

Portland was host to a fall Sectional Dog Show on Saturday, September 9. Gamma Alpha was called upon to serve the food, which required long hours and hard work but was fun. Our efforts brought us $73.05.

On October 27 we sponsored Navy Day which was climaxed with a Navy Dance held at the local country club. The proceeds from this dance were turned over to the Navy Relief Society.

Our social activities have been very limited and informal. The spring banquet was a dinner with initiation services for two members. Summer activities were confined to a buffet supper at the country club.

DRINK
Coca-Cola

Psi Ote eating stand at Dog Show held at Portland on September 9, 1944

The Christmas party was highlighted by sending our usual exchange gifts to our boys in the service and a twenty-five cent gift exchange for the home front. Initiation service for three new members was held at this party. Caroling by Campfire Girls, sponsored by one of our members, added to the party. As has been our custom since the death of our sponsor, we again played Santa Claus to her two children.

During a Valentine dinner, January 22, valentines were addressed to the boys in service. A Psi Ote song, to the tune of "Sunday, Monday, or Always," written by a member, Kathryn Rupe, was sung by a group of girls.

Donations totaling $1109.00 have been given to the following:

War Bond	$600.00
Red Cross	100.00
Infantile Paralysis	100.00
Youth Recreation Center	100.00
United War Fund	50.00
Eddie Cantor, Gifts for Wounded Soldiers	25.00
Cub Scouts	25.00
Campfire Girls	25.00
Jay County Tuberculosis Assn.	25.00
Indianapolis Symphony	24.00
Girls' State	15.00
Records for Hospitalized Soldiers	15.00
Boy Scouts	5.00

This has been one of our best years financially, every member doing her part under the leadership of our progressive president, June Wetzler.

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Richmond, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Madeleine Nicholson
Vice President	Mary Carolyn Kinyan
Secretary	Rebecca Hoyt
Cor. Secy.	Lois Swihart
Treasurer	Lucretia Decker

NEW MEMBERS

Joan Stahr, Sylvia Schively, Gerry Wallar, Patty Lawrence, Jody Stuck, Patty Kelly, Pat Davis, Rowena Hammontree.

PLEDGES

Edna Ruby, Natalie Black, Barbara Hoffman, Doris Dittrich, Wilma Cain.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ann Bradbury to Cpl. Mark Porterfield, Patty Kelly to Lt. Fern W. Pett, Betty Gehr to Rev. Paul Keck.

MARRIAGES

Mary Margaret Newkirk to Ens. Robert Baer, Patricia Smyser to Cpl. Don Endicott, Marjorie Carter to Sgt. William Camp, Marilyn Miller to Harry Voyles, Bette Eggemeyer to Maj. Charles McAulliffe, Mary Jane Frame to Robert Weichman, Marilyn Tripp to Lt. Alex T. Dent, Julia Ann Okel to Sgt. Andrew Hamilton.

BIRTHS

To Lt. and Mrs. Gene Walker, a daughter, Anne; to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Meadows, a son, Thomas Martin; to Lt. (jg) and Mrs. John Bayer, a son, Benjamin Johnson; to S 1/C and Mrs. Gerald Wright, a daughter, Patricia Ann; to Sgt. and Mrs. Fritz Busche, a daughter, Shane.

NEWS LETTER

On May 21, we had our big rush party of the year at the home of Lois Swihart. New members were chosen, and a good time was had by all who attended.

Soon afterward, our annual inspection dinner was held in the Tudor room of the Leland Hotel. All members attended.

Both our spring and fall rummage sales were a big success, as was a bake sale, which was held in the fall. Also giving a good start to our fall and winter activities was a telephone bridge project. And, as usual, the highlighting social event of the year was our Christmas tea, which was given at the home of Lucretia Decker.

On December 27, our annual "Snowball" dance was held at the Leland Hotel. Patty Hanes was the chairman, and Del Mason's orchestra provided the music.

In the line of duty the Psi Otes have been "on the beam." We donated $25 to the Victory Fund, $30 to Richmond's own "Devil's Den," $100 to the National War Fund, $30 to the Red Cross, 50 cents a member to the Junior Needlework Guild, and a contribution to the Hoosier Salon. Also, we prepared and mailed all Tuberculosis Association seals in Wayne County, so we feel that we have been doing our part toward the war effort.

BETA ZETA CHAPTER

Summitville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Orville Beeson
Vice President	Mrs. Lamont Forrest
Secretary	Mrs. Maynel Martin
Cor. Secy.	Mary Jane Howard
Treasurer	Mrs. Harold Vinson

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Prough, twin sons, David Franklin and Danny Allen, January 4, 1945.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Zeta Chapter has enjoyed another profitable and worthwhile year. Again this year, due to wartime restrictions of gasoline, etc., we have had to limit our social activities; however, we have endeavored to keep up our charitable enterprises.

We have had four special parties this year. Our anniversary party was held at the home of Helen Irwin. The annual May breakfast was served in the home economics room of the school building. A very lovely Christmas party was held at the home of Dolly Fulton. Mary Jane Forrest and Nell Graham were hostesses to the white elephant party, to which we always look forward as being a gala affair.

At our November meeting we were very happy to have as our guests Mrs. Iris Lerch, Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery, and Mrs. Lucille Phillips of the Delta Epsilon Chapter of Muncie. Mrs. Lerch gave an interesting book review at this meeting.

The annual scholarship award for this year was presented to Geralding Fennimore for the highest scholastic average for four years of high school work.

Our money-making projects were limited again this year. Among these was an early fall rummage sale which was very successful.

At Christmas time baskets of "cheer" were delivered to elderly shut-ins. We also remembered the boys in service, from this community, with Christmas greetings.

In the fall we purchased two season tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony to be used by service men. Donations were made to the Red Cross, USO Canteen, Infantile Paralysis Foundation, Cancer Control, Health Seals, and other local charity.

Rosalind Morgan served as county chairman of Tag Day for the USO Canteen. She is also local chairman of the salvage drives.

Many of our members have made sweaters and surgical dressings for the Red Cross. All of our members have contributed generously to the various salvage drives and Bond sales.

We are also very proud of another of our members, Margaret Vinson, who is taking her husband's place driving one of our school buses while he is serving overseas with the armed forces in New Guinea. We think she is very courageous, considering all the ice and snow we have had this winter.

Briefly this tells a few of the highlights of Beta Zeta's past year. We are trying to do our best for Psi Iota Xi and helping toward victory.

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

Thorntown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Stanley Barker
Vice President	Martha V. Moore
Secretary	Dorothy Curts
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Herman F. Allen
Treasurer	Martha Jane McKinsey

NEW MEMBERS

Phyllis Gaddis, Mrs. Marvin Hamilton, Jr., Viola Harbath, Flora Jane Jarrell, Louise LaFollette, Mrs. Bruce Millikan, Mrs. Harry Schwegler.

MARRIAGES

Dorothy Masters to Delmar Talmadge, Evelyn Ottinger to Harold Rice.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. "Sod" Russell, a son, Robert Allen, April 11, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jackley, a daughter, Janis Kay, November 11, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Don Wait, a son, Gordon Wesley, December 3, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Harbath, a daughter, Patricia Carrol, October 30, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schou, Jr., a daughter, Karen Kay, December 28, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Zeta, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Stanley Barker, has had a very interesting and helpful year.

We have had many worthwhile and enjoyable programs throughout the year; programs on books, flower-arrangement, poetry, musicales, book-reviews, and readings. Rosebud Crain Kashner of Lebanon brought us a most interesting evening's entertainment on "Old Glass." Other guest artists who have been with us are Mrs. Irma Dykes Dunbar, a very talented elocutionist of our community, and Miss Barbara Sims, head of our school music department; and (coming up!) next week Miss Martha Bassett, one of our members, head of the high school speech department, is going to bring her choral reading group to perform. They have been doing outstanding work, and have given several interesting programs to various groups these last two years.

Last spring for our annual Mothers' Day party we had a community guest night at the Presbyterian Church, presenting Miss Lucille Calvert in a series of dramatic readings. Head of the speech department of Butler University, Miss Calvert, we felt, was too talented a person to keep to ourselves.

Our pledge class has been an unusually large—and talented—one this year; so pledge night, held at the home of Mrs. Noble Crain, was an especially exciting and successful meeting, as was also the initiation service at the home of Miss Martha Moore. It is customary for us to have our pledges give one of the programs for the actives before they are initiated. This year they seemed to have no trouble at all "whipping up" a very enjoyable — sometimes hilariously so — skit on the actives themselves! Their financial project for the year has been an agreement with the Household Paper Products Company of Indianapolis. At the first introductory party, and in subsequent sales, they have cleared over $45.00 for the chapter; and we have been very pleased at their success.

Another project that we think has been very worthwhile is our school dental clinic. Several of our girls gave their time to help two of our local dentists to check the teeth of all of the children in the first eight grades. Already this has resulted in many children getting their tooth troubles checked long before they have reached the stage for aching! We plan to follow this project up and to assist those who have not been financially able to get the needed work done themselves.

Several of our girls have contributed to the blood bank, and two of them, Miss Margaret Loveless and Mrs. Charles Daniel, lack only one and two pints respectively of having given a gallon! Besides contributing individually and as an organization—the Psi Otes have helped to solicit the town for every drive for money this year. We've contributed to the USO, the Salvation Army, the Tuberculosis Fund, the Red Cross, the Hoosier Art Salon, have bought two Symphony tickets, and we still offer a scholarship to a local high school girl.

Instead of our usual personal Christmas exchange, we each took twenty-five cents to the Christmas meeting, and then used the money to buy magazine subscriptions for our county hospital at Lebanon—the Witham.

One of our members who spends a good deal of her spare(?) time at the Witham is Martha Moore, who has been serving there as a Nurses' Aide. We are proud of Martha in another department too, that is as a trustee of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association.

We continue our Psi Ote book shelf at the local library, and the year has added some very interesting and worthwhile books to its ever-increasing numbers.

So—even in these busy war times—we gain much pleasure and personal profit in trying not only to improve ourselves, but to help others—in whatever way presents itself.

BETA CHI CHAPTER

Waynetown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mary Servies
Vice President	Dorothea Rusk
Secretary	Helen Keeling
Cor. Secy.	Rosalie Capehart
Treasurer	Margaret Crutchfield

NEW MEMBERS

Chitra Bunnell.

MARRIAGES

Betty Fay to George Gravett, Jr., Margaret Orrick to Forrest Crutchfield, Pauline Solomon to Richard Grenard.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landis, a son, George Thomas; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frame, a daughter, Gay.

NEWS LETTER

The chapter was "off to a flying start" as the "signal" sounded for this year's work, each "player" falling vigorously into her "position" on the "team."

To start the "ball to rolling" the finance committee went into a "huddle" to think of ways and means to carry us through the year. One way to carry us over the "goal" for a "touchdown" was a rummage sale.

Armed with all the necessary "equipment" a "crew" proceeded to an empty room down town to prepare for the adventure ahead. Upon arriving at their destination the "crew" cleaned and scrubbed until the room was suitable for the purpose. Saturday nights were considered the best time for these sales with each "player" doing her "work-out." These sales were continued for several Saturdays and netted a considerable profit.

A "home-run" was scored when all of the girls participated in selling chances on War Bonds. These Bonds were to be given away by the business men at a fish fry and we were given a percentage of the sales.

"Time-out" from work was called when each member and her family enjoyed a picnic at a little park outside of town. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

The entire sorority has been "going to bat" for an all out war effort of which we are all very proud.

"Take me out to the ball game" was the spirit one crisp chilly fall evening when the time came for informal initiation. The "gang" piled on a wagon of hay and went "rolling" out into the country. Upon arriving at the home of one of our members a treasure hunt was enjoyed, after which a wiener roast followed.

Formal initiation was very impressive with the customary ceremony. Following the ceremony, dinner was served to us by the ladies of one of our churches.

Christmas time "rolled" around once more. A hilarious time was had as this was the time to reveal secret pals. To top the evening off, Santa Claus came to pass out the gifts and to serve refreshments to all the good "little girls."

This brings to a close another "game" out of the life of the Psi Otes. We feel that this year, despite all handicaps, we have emerged victorious.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Beta Chi Chapter seemingly does very little work as a group but we live in a small town and therefore do not have opportunities like those in the larger places. The past year our girls have made the following:

One hundred kit bags, 25 pairs hospital mules, 15 pairs pajamas, six army scarfs, 12 army sweaters. We have five blood donors and three members who have worked in the surgical dressing room. Our chapter has charge of all Red Cross and War Fund drives and we have gone "over the top" in each drive. One of our members is township chairman of Red Cross knitting and sewing. Needless to say we are buying Bonds 100 per cent.

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Zionsville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Gerald Thompson
Vice President	Mrs. John Shelburn
Secretary	Mrs. Charles Becker, Jr.
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Frank Nusbaum
Treasurer	Mrs. Cecil Pittman

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Charles Atkinson, Mrs. Claude Corbin, Mrs. William Funkhouser, Mrs. James Brendel, Beth Ann Ball, Martha Louise Ogborn, Martha Harriette Markland.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. James Atkinson, a son, Richard Earl; to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow DeLong, a son, John Thimas; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker, Jr., a son, Thomas Carey; to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ditzenberger, a son, Steven John; to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Phillippi, a daughter, Roberta Lynn; to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pitts, Jr., a daughter, Leslie.

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Lambda opened its busy year in September with a chili supper at the home of Virginia Hall, who besides being a valued member is also Central Province Chairman. We entertained our guests and patronesses in October, and were especially pleased to receive a handsome check from the patronesses.

December was a particularly busy month for us. Sponsoring the War Loan Drive was the highlight with the happy result of going $25,000 over the top—the best report yet sustained in any drive in Zionsville. Also, our December rummage sale was held. We decided not to have a gift exchange at our Christmas meeting but to send a check of one dollar per member to the American Legion for "The Yank Who Gave."

Formal initiation had to be postponed two weeks, as two of the initiates were having finals at college. However, in January we initiated seven lovely girls, one of whom is Martha Harriette Markland, the daughter of a member, Mrs. Glen Markland. We again had our patronesses with us at this meeting.

The senior girls' party came in March, and the mothers' party in May. Since our family party last June was so successful, we plan another for this year.

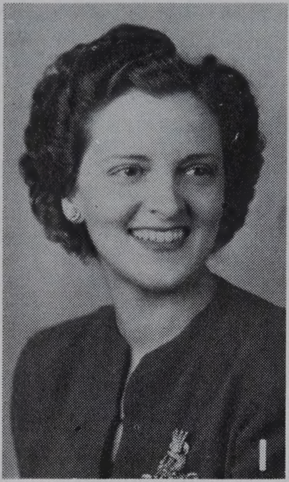
Our treasurer, Bette Lewis, moved with her husband and small son to Bluffton early in the year and Harriett Pittman is taking her place. Our secretary, June Mills, moved with her husband to Long Beach, California. Her place is being filled ably by June Becker.

Aside from our own charity work, we have also contributed to, and worked for, the national war effort. Other than the things already mentioned we bought two Symphony tickets which were used, whenever possible, by service men. We contributed $100 to the Boy Scouts, $5.00 to the Salvation Army, $5.00 towards prize money for the best garden, $10.00 to the War Fund, $55.00 to the Hoosier Salon, $100 to the local American Legion hall, $10.00 for a Health Bond and have bought one $100 War Bond. Many girls are knitting and sewing for the Red Cross. We have filled kit bags for the Navy, and, of course, are saving surplus fats.

How did we make our money? We worked hard on our Household Paper Project, our two rummage sales, the bake sale and gave our Thanksgiving dollar. However, the more we can earn the more we can give to help, locally, and to our Country.

We are looking forward to another busy year.

Governor Gates and Mrs. Harry Mulder conferring in the Capitol about legislation pertaining to the American Legion. Mrs. Mulder is our own Murlea, former Grand President, and a member of the East Chicago chapter. Murlea has held several important American Legion Auxiliary offices and is now head of the Indiana Division.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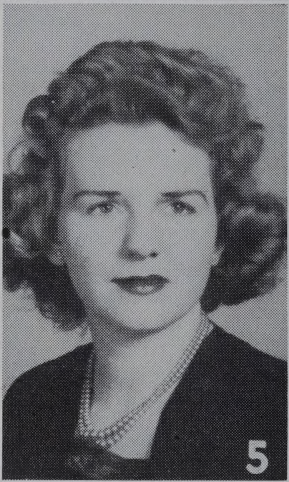
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NORTHERN PROVINCE

RHO CHAPTER

Angola, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Dean Cline
Vice President	Louise Helme
Secretary	Mrs. John Williamson
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. James Williamson
Treasurer	Mrs. Harry Klink

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Otey Bente, Mrs. Harold Hughes, Mrs. Merle Blough, Mrs. Robert Trier, Mrs. Charles Priest, Mrs. Harry Gilbert, Marijean Chaddick, Betty Ensley, Sue Zane Goudy, Marjorie Yoder.

MARRIAGES

Gloria Aldrich to Robert Trier, A/S.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanAman, a son, Roger Brent; to Lt. and Mrs. J. I. Jenkins, a daughter, Carol Virginia; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellby, a daughter, Paulette Agnes; to Mr. and Mrs. William Peat, a son, William McIntyre; to Lt. and Mrs. Leland Nedele, a daughter, Susan Carol; to Lt. and Mrs. George Goudy, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth; to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Blough, a son, David Neal.

NEWS LETTER

Dear Sister Psi Otes,

June did not bring to a close the activities of Rho Chapter. After closing the fiscal year of '43 and '44 with a potluck supper at Lurene Jackson's cottage on Lake James, we immediately began planning for our Mardi Gras, which was held at Bledsoe's Beach, Lake James, on the night of July 26th. The committee was in despair all day because of the wind and rain, but despite the weather and with a few new concessions along with our many others, we made more this year than ever before—$338.48.

In September we had a rummage sale which netted us $55.42; also, we are proud to say a report from our kindergarten committee shows we have made $363.11, a project of one year that has proved very successful.

In February, 1944, we had as guest speaker Opal Olinger, who talked on her visit to Priscilla Beach. A rush party was held at the home of Esther Bassett in March—"more fun." In April we initiated something new with a children's party. Our talented sons and daughters entertained us with musical numbers and we in return entertained with pop corn balls, orange pop, and a gift for everyone. May brought a theater party for our pledges and refreshments later; also a lovely Mothers' Day tea. The last week in August we had another potluck and rough initiation for our pledges at Louise Helme's cottage, then formal initiation in September. Next came October and Halloween with a grand party held in the basement of Treva Crum's home. On December 26th we had a Christmas potluck, gift and white elephant exchange.

We seemed not to have many needy families in our county this year at Christmas, only three needing food which we supplied. However, we are buying milk for one family, and continue to supply glasses and to pay for tonsillectomies. Other contributions include $20.00 to the March of Dimes, two TB Bonds, $25.00 to the USO, and $15.00 to the Red Cross.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Rho has spent approximately 1,885 hours in surgical dressing, and has to her credit 101 articles made for the Red Cross; we have purchased three $100.00 War Bonds. We are proud of Hilda Tucker who belongs to the Gallon Club, and Ellen Rodebaugh a six-time donor. We have others who have donated blood totaling for our chapter 32 pints.

Rho is happy to announce that two members of its chapter are in the Nurses Cadet Corp: Marijean Chaddick at the University of Michigan, and Norma Jean Preston at the University of Toledo and Toledo Hospital.

Our Billie and Bettie Bassett have joined the WAVES, and are now at the U. S. Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Arlene VanAuken is in Washington, D. C., with the American Red Cross.

Miss Annie Laurie McElhenie is stationed in Washington, D. C. She has been teaching at the American University preparing Staff Aids and Field Representatives for overseas work.

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1. Mrs. Orville V. Starstaad, Hammond
2. Mrs. Leon H. Summy, Goshen
3. Mrs. Harold Thayer, Delphi
4. Mrs. Noel Davis, Peru
5. Mrs. Harold Markin, Hartford City
6. Mrs. Bruce Grosvenor, Pi, Fort Wayne
7. Mrs. Ralph C. Dille, Huntington
8. Mrs. Earl Osborne, Rushville
9. Edith Little, Remington

ALPHA ETA CHAPTER

Bluffton, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. H. Brooks Smith
Vice President	Mrs. Norma Lamson
Secretary	Mrs. Lucille Ware
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Earl F. Rudy
Treasurer	Winifred Myers

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Myron Williamson, Mrs. Dean Roe, Lucile Pollock, Miss Letitia Wilhelm, Mrs. J. W. Epply (affiliate from Sullivan), Mrs. George Lewis (affiliate) from Zionsville.

MARRIAGES

Jeanne McElderry to Gilbert Bynum, Mary Tonner to Ens. James Murray, Patricia Caylor to Capt. William Morgan, Lt. Lucille Reidlinger to Lt. Wilson Ward, Dorothy Schlotzhauer to ——— ———, PhM 1/C.

BIRTHS

To Lt. and Mrs. William Pierson, a son, Gregory David; to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelley, a son, John Patrick; to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Tangeman, a daughter, Brenda Jane; to Pvt. and Mrs. Robert Case, a son, Thomas Robert; to Ens. and Mrs. Max Rose, a son, David Alan.

NEWS LETTER

Dear Psi Otes:

Our season started enthusiastically with new officers at the helm, and we sailed along with nary a dull moment. The installation party was held at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Ware Baker, and concluded with a riotous "Breakfast at Sardies." The summer months kept us busy at our Psi Ote pool, which cleared over $1,000.

Alpha Eta Chapter's home-front has not "let up" one bit! We have sewed army kits for the Red Cross, assisted in the War Fund Drive, contributed money to the American Legion to purchase records for hospitalized service men, and helped in a Bond Caravan to promote War Bond sales. Our fall activities were punctuated with a carry-in supper.

Preparing and sending Christmas boxes to service men and women was a genuine pleasure (29 overseas and 22 in the states). Our hall has been attractively redecorated, so with beautifully trimmed trees and numerous candelabra, it formed a perfect setting for our Christmas party and formal initiation. Cans of food were brought to the party, and several families were given baskets for Christmas. We also gave a few swimming tickets for the coming season.

We have girls serving as voluntary members of rationing panels and have a representative on the board dealing with locating jobs and the readjustment of service men returning home. We are indeed proud of our girls in the service. We have one girl in the Nurses' Corps, one in the Marine Corps, three in the WAVES, one in the WACs, and one in the Red Cross.

Our latest earnings came from two rummage sales, which netted a little over $96. The new members recently entertained us at a bridge party.

Fraternally yours,
Alpha Eta Chapter.

CHI CHAPTER

Brookston, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Robert Conarroe
Vice President	Mrs. G. L. Derhammer
Secretary	Mrs. V. D. Mutchler
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. C. J. Roberts
Treasurer	Mrs. E. C. Dykhuizen

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Dilts, Joy Ann Brackney, Ada Belle Maxwell, Alberta Ade, Joy Nelson, Betty Wilkinson, Mrs. Donald Munro, Mrs. Charles Sparks, Mrs. Robert DeWeese.

MARRIAGES

Wilburdine Smith to Sgt. Herbert Woods, April 26, 1944.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris Erickson, Jr., a daughter, Marcia Ann, April 8, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Zimmerman, a daughter, Suzanne, February 9, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Once again the time has come for our news letter to Helicon. It is with pleasure that we look forward to learning the activities of all the other chapters.

"Self confidence and faith in God
are the coming power of man;
By this power man will subdue
the world."

This motto in our programs has helped us to strive toward better things and work for the ideals of a victorious and peaceful world.

Our chief source of making money still remains our pop corn machine. In spite of the shortage of corn, this project netted us a nice profit during the summer months. Our cake raffles at regular meetings continue to be popular, even though quite often there is a substitute for the cake. A card party for the public was given in March.

During the past year we furnished hot lunches for needy school children, donated $5.00 to the Infantile Paralysis Fund, $5.00 to the Tuberculosis Fund, $5.00 to the local Boy Scouts, and gave our annual $5.00 award to a senior high school girl. Cheer baskets of food were sent to deserving families at Christmas. We also gave $25.00 to our local Teen Canteen, the recreation center for young people which is sponsored by the PTA.

Chi Chapter began the social activities of the year with the annual Men's party in February. A coöperative dinner was enjoyed, followed by an evening of cards. In May we gave our Mothers' Day party, when Mrs. Ralph Pearson, a Psi Ote of Flora, gave a very impressive review of the book, "The Robe." In July, pledge services were held in our Community House for nine girls. Later in the summer they were guests at a picnic held at Lincoln Lodge, preceded by a dinner. We were very proud to welcome these girls, two of them being daughters of Psi Otes.

One of the most interesting events of the year was our Civic Community program which was open to the public as guests. At this time Dr. Davis of Purdue took us "up and down Ole Bandywine," with his interpretations of James Whitcomb Riley's poems. Musical numbers were furnished by Psi Otes. Our annual Christmas party included a dinner, gift exchange, and bridge.

We were very proud that our president was chosen to be Province Chairman this year. She's been quite busy guiding us in our ways as well as helping other chapters, too.

WAR ACTIVITIES

We continue to sell War Stamps at our regular meetings and nearly everyone participates. Some of our meetings were scheduled to be held in the Red Cross surgical dressing room but lack of materials has curtailed the number of hours spent there. We contributed $5.00 toward Red Cross kits, $25.00 to the War Fund, and have continued to buy War Bonds throughout the year. Several of our members have been donors to the blood bank.

MRS. MALCOLM C. CLARK, JR.
Crown Point

We leave this review of the past year's activities with the hope that we have contributed our share toward victory.

BETA XI CHAPTER

Crown Point, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .... Mrs. Malcolm Clark, Jr.
Vice President .... Mrs. Walter McLean
Secretary .... Mrs. Harry Collins
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. George Letz, Jr.
Treasurer .... Leona Nowviski

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Vincent Loosemore, Mrs. Leslie Conquest, Anna Nassau.

ENGAGEMENTS

Evelyn Ann Bailey to Guy Slaughter, Jr.

MARRIAGES

Norma Jean Nethery to Sgt. James Knight.

BIRTHS

To Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Lambert, a boy, Mark; to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pavlish, a girl, Joanne.

DEATHS

Mrs. Peter Fagen, patroness.

NEWS LETTER

The outdoor grill of Mrs. Walter Westphal's home was the spot chosen for a gay and enjoyable picnic. Hamburgers and all the trimmings combined with treasure hunts and song fests to make the party a huge success. With such a beginning the calendar year promised to hold much for Beta Xi Chapter in spite of the war and the changes it makes in our lives.

To some people the month of August means vacations and a relaxation from ordinary duties but to our girls it means "the fair stand." We have acquired a reputation for good wholesome food served with a smile and this year was no exception. Even though the weather was abominable the Lake County Fair was well attended and our food stand showed a profit of many hard earned dollars. Jeanette Westphal, Dorthy Westphal and Marjorie Alyea were the capable co-chairmen of our one big money-making project of the year.

Since we have curtailed our social activities to such a great extent we are glad of the chance to have a party. We had this opportunity when three lovely girls were taken in as pledges. To celebrate the occasion we had a chicken dinner, followed by bridge at Lake Hills Country Club after the pledge services.

Mary Fagen's home was the most Christmasy spot imaginable on the night we were entertained by the honorary inactive members for our annual Christmas party. According to tradition the pot-luck dinner was very delicious and everyone had to sample each of the many good things to eat. Bridge was followed by a distribution of gifts. We were very happy to have our new patronesses present at this party for the first time. Mrs. Linda Hentges, Mrs. Jessie Barr and Miss Bessie Hart have given us the great honor of joining us in our work and adding much to our social activities by their gracious presence.

As our contribution to the happiness of the holiday season we held our Christmas dance on the twenty-seventh of December. Santa and his sleigh were surrounded by many and varied snow-men who seemed to enjoy the music as much as the dancers did. Eleanor Gremel and her committee were responsible for the great success everyone voted it to be.

The rest of the year holds much for us in work and play and we hope to do our utmost for the benefit of our sorority and our country.

WAR ACTIVITIES

This year, as in previous war-time years, we have met every two weeks at the Red Cross rooms and folded bandages and sponges.

We remembered our boys with gifts again this year whether overseas or in camps here.

Jeanette Westphal and Eleanor Gremel have each donated four pints of blood to the Red Cross blood bank.

We also purchased $1100 worth of War Bonds to further the war effort.

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

Decatur, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .... Mrs. James Ehinger
Vice President .... Mrs. Robert Zwick
Secretary .... Mrs. Clifford Saylors
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. John McConnell
Treasurer .... Mrs. J. F. Sanmann

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Willard Doehnert, Mrs. Eugene Knodle, Alice Roth, Maxellen Liniger, Roberta Slamp, Beatrice Light, Betty Melchi.

ENGAGEMENTS

Alice Roth to Richard Colter; Joan Krick to Dale VonGunten.

MARRIAGES

Barbara Jean Duke to James C. Stephens, June 12, 1944; Eloise Lewton to Hugh Andrews, June 30, 1944; Peggy Gaunt to Bernard Hartough, January 28, 1945.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Vaun Liniger, a son, Carey D., March 1, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Farnham, a son, Rodger Philip, September 30, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helser, a daughter, Nancy Ann, March 24, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Everhart, a daughter, Janelle Rae, July 9, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bumgerdner, a daughter, Susan Carol, March 15, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Burt Townsend, a son, Burt III, July 8, 1944.

MRS. JAMES EHINGER
Decatur

NEWS LETTER

Hello, Psi Otes:

Another year has rolled around and it comes time for us to report our activities. First of all, we worked to get our pennies together so that we could do everything possible toward charity.

Mrs. Sheldon Nelson, violinist with the Ft. Wayne Symphony Orchestra, played for our musical tea. It was a huge success both intellectually and financially.

We sponsored a movie, book review, and rummage sale. They were all very profitable. We had a lovely Christmas dance although the crowd was not very large due to wartime conditions. We still have our monthly cake raffles which buy our War Stamps.

At our November social meeting we dispensed with bridge and had a "white elephant sale" which was a tremendous success. Our treasurer was the auctioneer and by the end of the evening our profit was almost $50.00 plus a very good time.

To spend this money we earned we sent Elwin VonEmon and Jerry Dague to the Speech and Hearing Clinic. We bought our annual Health Bond. We bought a ticket to the Indianapolis Symphony and turned it over to a service man. We donated generously to the Community War Fund and the Red Cross.

We worked in the War Bond booth during the fifth and sixth war loan drives.

Two of our girls are very capable Nurses' Aides. We sewed for the Red Cross during some of our business meetings and also donated for "Gifts to a Yank Who Gave."

Now, to relax these tired nerves, we opened the spring season with a novel cotton party. Besides having to wear all cotton clothes we had to decorate a hat and wear it all evening. For our annual Halloween party we enjoyed a spooky hayride out into the country. St. Nick did not forget us either for he came to us loaded with gifts for all. We also remembered those in the service with Christmas gifts.

Our prettiest parties of the year were the pledge and initiation in honor of our seven new members. For pledge, our entertaining room was decorated as a spring garden with flowers entwined in the white fence. The theme of our initiation dinner party was "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Our girls in the service and their stations are: Lt. Erna Bemont, Army Nurse Corps, Camp Custer, Michigan; Lt. Florence McConnell, Army Nurse Corps, Sheppard Field, Texas; Janet Schrock, Y/2c, WAVES, Washington, D. C.; Mary Frank, Y/3c, WAVES, Great Lakes, Illinois.

This completes our report for another year, so we will say, "See you next year."

BETA PSI CHAPTER

Delphi, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Lillian Thayer
Vice President	Eileen Flora
Secretary	Bertha J. Moore
Cor. Secy.	Chloe Foote
Treasurer	Josephine M. Brown

NEW MEMBERS

Lois Bitler, Margaret Ann Hedderich, Marjorie Shonk, Barbara Ann Thayer, Alno Victor.

ENGAGEMENTS

Georgeanne Schilling to Major Roy Michael Kessler.

MARRIAGES

Shirley James to Edwin Wise, Marilyn Holloway to Garnette Smith, GM/1c.

BIRTHS

To Pvt. and Mrs. Mahlon Kerlin, a son, George Mahlon, II; to Cpl. and Mrs. Melvin L. Kahler, a son, Thomas Leslie; to Ens. and Mrs. Jack E. Orr, a daughter, Judith Elaine; to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Goff, a son, Thomas Walter; to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weckerly, a son, David Ross.

DEATHS

Mildred Jones, March 24, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

It doesn't seem possible that it is time to report again. Where has this year gone, or have we all been just extremely busy?

Here are some of the highlights of our past year —

February: Donated food for the mobile unit for blood donors.

March: Donated $50.00 to the American Red Cross.

March 23rd: Inspection and Mrs. Yantis Wells gave a very interesting talk and exhibit on her hobby, "Buttons."

May: Two of our registered nurses, Eileen Flora and Chloe Foote, were among the staff starting classes in home nursing.

June: Citizenship award given to the outstanding boy in the 1944 graduating class. This award went to Ralph Wise.

July: Initiation at the Delphi Country Club.

August: Bingo stand at "Old Settlers."

September: Gifts sent to husbands and brothers of members in service overseas.

October: Betty Smith gave an interesting talk on Columbus Day. The sorority will help sponsor a teen-age recreation center.

November: Christmas gifts sent to servicemen in the states. Display of Girl Scout work.

December: Cedar chest project.

January: Donated to the TB and Infantile Paralysis funds.

With all of our work we've still found time for our monthly parties and hope we can work and play just a little harder next year and that Victory will be ours.

WAR ACTIVITIES

War activities have been a very important part of our year's achievement.

We are proud that the president of our chapter, Mrs. Harold Thayer, has been renamed county Red Cross chairman.

The Junior Red Cross, high school art department of the Delphi Public Schools, under the direction of Miss Bertha Moore, art director and a member of our chapter, sent a unit to Junior Red Cross headquarters in New York which consisted of 1582 pieces: Christmas cards, posters, bulletin board material, tray favors, ice cream decorations and a collapsible centerpiece for a Christmas table.

An exhibit of this unit was in the display at the YWCA in Indianapolis during the State Teachers' Association in October.

This same group recently completed its part of a unit which was sent January 31. This time 100 hand painted birthday cards and envelopes were made.

At our business meetings we have a drawing and give $3.00 worth of War Stamps. We have purchased Bonds and contributed about $100 to the different war drives.

Christmas gifts were sent to husbands and brothers of members in the service.

Our members report an estimated 5500 hours of war service.

DELTA ETA CHAPTER

Detroit, Michigan

President	Mrs. Robert Brown
Vice President	Mrs. Dow Foraker

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. James C. Phillips, a daughter, Valery Lyn, November 11, 1944.

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BETA NU CHAPTER

East Chicago, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Orville V. Starstead
Vice President	Catharine Sinclaire
Secretary	Mrs. James O'Connor
Cor. Secy.	Gwendolyn Sargent
Treasurer	Mrs. R. A. O'Connell

NEW MEMBERS

Louise Forsberg, Marilyn Kerr, Kay Myers, Suzanne Norman, Evelyn Starstead, Phyllis Steen.

PLEDGES

Margaret Flynn, Patricia Petersen.

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Teegarden, Jr., a daughter, Joann, May 29, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Schmidt, a daughter, Louise Maxine, August 6, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferguson, a daughter, Sharon Lenore, September 12, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Robertson, a son, John Adair, October 4, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walsh, a son, John Michael, December 7, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Nu Chapter opened the year with an initiation service for six new members. The lovely candlelight rite was held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Teegarden, Jr., after which the members enjoyed dinner at Woodmar Country Club.

In October we enjoyed a harvest party at which the members were entertained by a take-off on the radio program "Truth or Consequences."

For our "Indiana Night" the group was favored by a movie-talk given by Mr. Toney, a Hammond citizen. The movie, taken by Mr. Toney on a canoe trip down the Tippecanoe River, showed in technicolor, its natural scenic spots.

In December our annual dinner-dance, which is an outstanding event for us, was held at the Woodmar Country Club. The Christmas party was held at the Indiana University Extension Lounge. Carols were sung by the Roosevelt High School Mixed Choir, Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was read and gifts were exchanged.

In January a unique party was enjoyed at which square dancing was the main feature.

We are anticipating the future programs of the year. In February Mr. Powell Moore of the Indiana University Extension will give a talk, and in March Mr. Lowell Robertson will speak. In April will be held the "Gentlemen's Evening." In May is our annual Mothers' Day party. It gives us a great deal of pleasure when we can entertain our mothers who are our loyal supporters. For June we are planning a pot-luck supper and party for the new officers and members.

You have heard about our fun—now let us tell you about our work. Our two big projects for making money, our rummage sale and our birth-dated calendar, were very successful this year. As in the past we have given a scholarship to the Indiana University Extension. We have made contributions to Red Cross, Community Chest, Hoosier Salon, Northern Indiana Art Salon, Indianapolis Symphony, Tuberculosis Fund, Infantile Paralysis Fund, Cancer Control Fund and to the Girl and Boy Scout camps. The chapter has also purchased War Bonds.

Members have aided in the March of Dimes campaign by helping at the local theatre and at the banks. Many girls are very active in the Red Cross as Grey Ladies and Nurses' Aides in our local hospital, and with the mobile blood bank.

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Flora, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Russell Ayres
Vice President	Mrs. Junior Harmon
Secretary	Mrs. Robert Jones
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. A. D. Bishop
Treasurer	Mrs. Lynn Ledmon

NEW MEMBERS

Roberta Ayres, Mrs. Roselyn Boller, Mrs. Mary Katherine Carter, Mrs. Mary Jane Chapman, Joan Dixon, Sara Lee Eikenberry, Mrs. Maratha Hoffman, Mrs. Georganna Julius, Mrs. Dorothy Parrott, Dena Scott, Janice Sheagly, Mrs. Ruth Anne Viney, Mrs. Mary Anne Wagaman, Mable Wharton.

MARRIAGES

Garnet Mussellman to Meredith Keith Snyder, ARM 3/c.

BIRTHS

To Corp. and Mrs. Lee Eckerle, a son, George William; to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Guckien, a daughter, Anna Mary; to Mr. and Mrs. DeVere Hoffman, a son, Darrell Lee; to Paul Kirk, Jr., AMM 3/c and Mrs. Kirk, a son, Kent Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Langston, a son, Thomas Dwight; to Dr. and Mrs. Paul Wagaman, a daughter, Nancy Anne; and to Mr. and Mrs. George Wasson, a son, James Myer.

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10. Helen Hester, Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne
11. Ruth Leigh Pollard, Logansport
12. Mrs. Dean Cline, Angola
13. Ferne Zimmerman Moats, Garrett
14. Loraine Stetler, Van Wert, Ohio
15. Mrs. Reed Knowles, Attica
16. Mrs. H. Brooks Smith, Bluffton
17. Mrs. Margaret L. Ayres, Flora
18. Mrs. Robert Conarroe, Brookstown

Chapter picture of Pi, Fort Wayne, taken at their 25th Anniversary Dinner in October, 1944, at the Fort Wayne Women's Club.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Alpha had a busy year.
She accomplished it, have no fear.
All our girls did very fine work,
From their tasks they did not shirk.
Both Red Cross work and USO
Went over with a bang, we'll have you know.
The War Bond drive we were asked to aid,
We went over the top with the big parade.
Charity work was in full swing,
To help others and good fortune bring.
To the sick we lent our beds,
This helped out our local Meds.
Fourteen pledges we had this year,
To us they brought much good cheer.
Work alone is no delight
So we had our fun all right.
Informal pledge was sure a sight,
We had stunts most the night.
Founders' Day party was really great.
We didn't get home until quite late.
In October we had our tea,
It was enjoyed tremendously.
So we said goodbye to '44,
A year well done once more.
With prayerful hearts and honest minds,
Looking earnestly forward to the times
When peace rings out its golden chimes.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Beta Alpha Chapter gave its original initiation ceremony robes to the Red Cross, and they were used to make many beautiful baby quilts. The chapter went as a group several evenings to the Red Cross sewing room to prepare soldier kits and to do sewing. Beta Alpha is proud of Mrs. Helen Pearson, who is soldier kit chairman of our local Red Cross, and who is also a member of the executive board of our County Red Cross.

Beta Alpha purchased two $100 War Bonds, gave $19 to the USO, $50 to the Red Cross, $40 to the Legion Auxiliary for records for fighting men, and Christmas gifts for "Yanks Who Gave." and purchased Symphony tickets for Indianapolis soldiers.

PI CHAPTER

Fort Wayne, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Bruce W. Grosvenor
Vice President	Mrs. Walter E. Helmke
Secy. Jr. Group	Mrs. P. C. Miller
Secy. Sr. Group	Marion Cherry
Cor. Secy.	Bea Andrews
Treas. Jr. Group	Jean O'Rourke
Treas. Sr. Group	Gladys Becker

NEW MEMBERS

June Enoch, Beverly Ann Griffith, Phyllis Guillot, Mrs. E. O. Hathaway, Ellen McKay, Nan O'Rourke, Mrs. J. N. Pettit, Betty Helen Harrison, Patricia Smith, Hilda Margaret Spangle, Mrs. W. A. Willcutts.

PLEDGES

Mary Lucille Carlo, Nancy Cherry, Jane Evans, Mary Lou Feller, Clarlynn Figel, Kathryn Gerig, Virginia Groth, Patricia Hunt, Patricia McDonald, Nancy McKay, Mrs. William F. Miller, Joy Ellen Stahn, Janice Tremper.

ENGAGEMENTS

Pvt. Ellen Kattell, U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, to S/Sgt. Richard Bauerle, U. S. Marine Corps; Ellen McKay to Don Fleming of Evanston, Illinois.

MARRIAGES

Helen Curdes to Capt. Robert Shilling, U. S. Army Air Force; Marilyn Hull to Lt. (jg) Robert Porter, U. S. Naval Air Corps.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Feustel, a son, David Allen, September 16, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Heine, a daughter, Juliana, September 16, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smart, a daughter, Sally Kay, October 5, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. John Reiber, a daughter, Marna Louise, July 7, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

This past year has been a grand year for us of Pi Chapter, full of many interesting and enjoyable social and charitable enterprises.

Last fall we collaborated with the Fort Wayne Horse Show Association and Tri Kappa Sorority to present the 1944 Horse Show for the benefit of Navy Relief. Our responsibilities were program advertising and general admission ticket sales. The show was a great success, and the chapter felt it well worth our time and energies. Our thanks go to Mrs. Robert Shilling and Miss Alice Flick for their hard work as co-chairmen for Psi Ote.

It has been our custom for several years to have at least two rummage sales. This year we did a little better than custom and managed to work in three. We now own some portable equipment which has facilitated the management of these sales.

The proceeds of the rummage sales, together with the money earned from the Zollner Pistons charity basketball game last year enabled us to sponsor a survey of the recreational facilities of Fort Wayne. This survey gave the community much valuable data toward planning an adequate recreational program for the future in order to combat juvenile delinquency. The results of the survey were presented to a mass meeting attended by outstanding civic leaders of Fort Wayne. Mrs. Richard Heine was general chairman, and it was due largely to her interest and efforts that the survey was presented so successfully.

We have decided to carry out this program of recreational expansion by making the furnishing of the library of the new Jefferson Recreational Center our project for the next few months.

Many of the girls are already busy making draperies, painting, and collecting furnishings for the room.

Until the need for volunteers was past, many of us of Pi Chapter acted as chaperones for the "Teen Canteen," a recreational center for high school boys and girls.

As for the social activities of the chapter, there have been several innovations made this year in our programs. In the past our programs have consisted largely of outside talent, but this year many of our programs have been due to the efforts of various members. Mrs. D. V. Hull spoke on "Nurses' Aides," Miss Phyllis Guillot did "Monologues," Miss Isabelle Wilkinson spoke on "Sketches," and Mrs. Robert Rhul entertained with piano selections. Two large projects which afforded us all a great deal of fun were a white elephant sale and a bazaar which were not only a great deal of fun for everybody, but a financial success as well.

Our Christmas party is always an event looked forward to with much anticipation, but this year it seemed better than ever, due largely to the efforts of Mrs. William McMahon and Mrs. Leigh Hunt, co-chairmen of the party. This year in addition to our regular exchange each girl brought a gift to be given to a Baer Field soldier.

The highlight of our social year was the celebration of Pi Chapter's 25th anniversary. The charter members' cleverly arranged skit was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The program was arranged by Miss Marian Bash and Miss Marion Cherry.

This is, of course, but a sketchy summary of the events of our year. To tell in detail about all the grand programs and activities which the girls of Pi Chapter have enjoyed together would perhaps take a book of its own. We are looking forward to a new year as full of rich experiences as this has been.

WAR ACTIVITIES

The girls of Pi Chapter are rather proud of their war activities record, being represented in almost every organization in Fort Wayne dedicated to war volunteer service.

In the Fort Wayne Red Cross organization, Mrs. E. W. Young is chairman of the motor corps and Mrs. B. H. Smith is chairman of staff assistants; other Psi Otes are serving with the motor corps, doing Nurses' Aide work, helping at the production center, and knitting in their "spare time."

Jane McBride is a member of the Gray Lady corps at Baer Field. Loretta Foellinger is a lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol.

We also have girls doing USO and Serviceman's Club work, and acting as hostesses at the Fort Wayne Officers' Club.

Our girls in service include Ellen Kattell of the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve, now stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California; Mary Richardine Smith and Virginia Griffith serving with the American Red Cross overseas.

DELTA GAMMA CHAPTER

Fort Wayne, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Helen Hester
Vice President	Mrs. Kenneth French
Secretary	Mrs. W. R. McCarty
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Ralph Gunn
Treasurer	Mrs. Paul W. Seitz

NEW MEMBERS

Sadonia Bruner, Mrs. Charles A. Clowser, Mrs. Robert Liby, Mrs. Malcolm Smith.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gunn, a son, George Roger, September 18, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Simmons, Jr., a daughter, Karen Sue, June 4, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Our group began another year, around the first of September, with a called meeting, to present a tentative program and organize for the sale of Christmas cards, our main money-raising project for the year. The benefits of this, along with other money earned, provide weekly speech and hearing classes for those handicapped by such defects.

A rummage sale followed, a few days later, and despite stringent shoe rationing, clothing and other shortages, the assortment of things received was quite plentiful and complete. Sales were so good that another date was booked for early spring.

A potluck and Tom Brenneman party was held the latter part of the month. All the hilarity and fun of the original show was carried out in such detail that it really kept the group going.

October brought us two outstanding Fort Wayne persons to give us talks in their respective fields. Jane Weston, who has charge of the "Home Forum" program over WOWO, gave the group hints on "Post War Kitchens." The other speaker, Reid Ereckson, is director of Fort Wayne's own Civic Theater. His talk was entitled "The Theatre."

Highlights of November were a potluck and a Thanksgiving bridge. It had been decided previously to make more meetings social in nature and eliminate lengthy business, with the idea of increasing active membership. Consequently, whenever there was a business meeting a potluck or guest speaker was included.

In December, Ruth Price related her experiences as a nurse's aide, showing how needful such a group is to alleviate the ever-increasing nurse shortage. One girl from our group has since enrolled in the course and will start her training soon.

At the Christmas bridge and gift exchange, each member brought an additional gift for the Baer Field convalescents. Inactives were guests, the idea being to renew their interests and eventually get them back into the sorority again.

January and the new year saw us back at something more serious as Mrs. Charles Keller, a dramatist, gave excerpts from the play "The American Way," which covers the period before the First World War up to the present war. Later in the month was another potluck and white elephant sale, which is certainly an easy, convenient way of raising additional funds.

A group of our girls plan to attend one of the Fort Wayne Symphony concerts in recognition for the outstanding work that that organization is accomplishing and in honor of one of our girls who is a first violinist. Several of our members have attended or are planning to attend the Indianapolis Symphony concerts this year. Tickets not used are turned in for the benefit of service men and women.

A George Washington bridge party is to be our main social function for February, with the inactive members again being guests.

March winds bring Spring, with all its ensuing changes both indoors and outside. Consequently it gives a scope on what will be available. Miss Wallace and Mr. Green will talk on "What's New in Patterns and Fabrics."

The three cultures: art, music and literature, have been cleverly combined to form the mainstay of the April meetings. Around Easter and quite in keeping with the Lenten season, we'll hear about "Madonnas" by Mary Zent. At the guest meeting following, there will be music and a book review by Mrs. Lee Carlson.

By May comes election of officers and honors awarded to high school students for outstanding speeches, with subsequent engraving of their names on the speech plaques.

Our year terminates with a family picnic, which is to be held at the Sears Pavilion.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Delta Gamma war activities fall into two definite headings: group participation and individual initiative. Under the former, group participation, all are contributing regularly to city-wide collections of waste paper, tin cans and fats. There is a hundred per cent participation in the buying of War Stamps and Bonds. Baer Field convalescents were given Christmas gifts and belt buckles for handicraft work. Twenty-four dozen cookies are donated monthly to the Service Men's Club. Unused Symphony tickets are returned to Indianapolis for the service men and women to use. Soon we will be helping to canvass restaurant owners in the city for their large size tin cans, which are needed urgently at this time to make up a deficit in tin can tonnage.

Individually, the girls are doing a number of different things to help. Three girls have husbands in the service. Six are working in defense plants; while six are selling Stamps and Bonds in the schools. Five are helping out at the USO, one at the Service Men's Club and has enrolled for the Nurse's Aide course and another at the Red Cross and blood bank. Three have served on the Baer Field Camp and Hospital Committee, one serving as secretary for the group. Four have assisted at the ration boards and one with the War Chest drive. Five have roomed service men and their wives in their homes.

All told, the group seems to have done unusually well assisting with war activities.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER

Garrett, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Jack Moats
Vice President	Mrs. Jon Buckles
Secretary	Kathrine Simcox
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Eleanor Dills
Treasurer	Evelyn Richmond

NEW MEMBERS

Marian Seifert, Maxine Leiter, Mary Helen Miller, Rose Miller, Betty Brinkman, Mrs. John Holloway, Mrs. Herman Jensen.

ENGAGEMENTS

Berneice McLaughlin to William Kott.

MARRIAGES

Eva Mae Argubright to Wesley Clark, Ferne Zimmerman to Jack Moats.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Jon Buckles, a daughter, Kathalee, June 26, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. Donald Schaab, a daughter, Cynthia Kay, September 25, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Hello, Psi Otes!

A long time ago someone started that famous phrase "tempus fugit"—time flies; and in my estimation, truer words were never spoken. It seems only yesterday that I was preparing the news letter for last year's Helicon. It reminds me of the movie director's conception of time: a calendar is shown and the pages go slipping off into nowhere like leaves in the wind—and that is exactly where this letter is going if I don't present some figures and facts to prove that our members are not the Rip Van Winkle type who sleep while "Time Marches On."

No indeed, our "gals" march right along. We started the parade in September with a "dee-licious" pot luck supper held at the home of our president, Ferne Moats. The supper evidently had an ambitious effect on all concerned because our next step was a rummage sale which netted the neat little sum of $77.00.

Golden October found our program committee preparing a Halloween party at which the masqueraded members were blindfolded and taken on a spook walk by ghost escorts. After reaching the "Witches' Cavern," the evening was spent playing typical games and contests and was climaxed by a treasure hunt.

Rita Mavis was chairman of a bake sale held in November and we cleared almost $30.00.

The next month, December, was the busiest and happiest month of all. Medaia Traster and the standing program committee, assisted by Eleanor Dills and her committee, entertained the members with a lovely Christmas party at which Ol' St. Nick made a jolly personal appearance. For charity, we contributed money to hospitalized service men and women, to the children's Christmas Jubilation, and for Christmas baskets for unfortunate local families. We also sponsored a Christmas party for the Girl Scouts.

Since we are so proud of our Girl Scout troops I would like to tell you that the three troops were organized about ten years ago and the leaders are Psi Otes. At present, they are Betty Zern, Eileen Gault, Berneice McLaughlin, and Rita Mavis. The senior Scouts work at the hospital several hours a week making beds, cleaning and sterilizing instruments and doing the other necessary duties.

We are anticipating a white elephant sale at our next meeting. Well, I guess I have completely covered our record for the year; and, looking back, I would say we have had a pleasantly busy year that was equally balanced with work and fun.

Good luck to all from the "Psi Otes" at Garrett.

WAR ACTIVITIES

We are proud to report that four Psi Ote members are in the armed forces; namely, Nancy Elaine Wilfong, Patricia McDowell, Mary Jean Grant and Ignota Francis.

We purchased a $100.00 War Bond this year. At Christmas time, we sent one year subscriptions to Readers' Digest to thirty in the service which includes our own members and relatives of our members.

Julia Schulthess has been active in Red Cross, as usual, and several of our girls are working in defense plants.

BETA RHO CHAPTER

Goshen, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Leon Summy
Vice President	LaNelle Taggart
Secretary	Mrs. L. J. Martin
Cor. Secy.	Jeanette Landis
Treasurer	Mrs. Charlotte Bassett

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. W. W. Luginbuhl, Mrs. LeRoy Baker, Mrs. Dale Swart, Patty Payne, Barbara Sage, Gloria Leatherman.

ENGAGEMENTS

Nancy Latta to T/Sgt. Carl Amsden, A. A. F.

MARRIAGES

Eleanor Schnoebelen to Ray Manion.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ulery, a son, Robert; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Lantz, a son, John; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holtzinger, a son, James; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yoder, a daughter, Cindah.

NEWS LETTER

We do wish more of you could have dropped in on Beta Rho Chapter this year. It has been an awfully good year, considering all the shortages—husbands, servants, hose, you know. Perhaps that is why there has seemed to be more novelty in the things we did.

The year opened with a truly lovely summer formal dinner at the American Legion Home, a charming old residence itself. The tables were handsome, loaded with flowers from our own gardens—peonies, roses, mock orange and trailing vines. Before the dinner, we held our pledge service in a flower-bedecked alcove. At the close of the dinner the new officers were installed and then we had bridge.

Our pledges entertained us at a picnic at the Lake Wawasee cottage of Sabra Leatherman. It was not just a picnic but a County Fair, and you really should have been there! There was a live stock (stuffed) show with real-for-sure premium ribbons. There was a turtle race, a husband-calling contest, and some fortune-telling. And to make it quite complete each member brought something she herself had made and you would have been amazed at some of the hidden talents among us. Charlotte Bassett's sketches were remarkable. It was a hilarious evening.

In August the pledges were initiated at Agnes Brooks'. The committee did a little intellectual hazing which was amusing. A month later Ruth Joseph entertained the sorority at a dessert bridge. On November the ninth, pledging was held for one new member and Lydia Plaut gave a discussion of foreign policy based on Walter Lippman's two recent books and on books by several other authorities.

Beta Rho, you know, has continued with the annual Short Story Contest, with marked success, we think. The contest is always opened by a tea on a late November Sunday. This year we held it at the American Legion Home and, in spite of a chilly downpour, nearly all the girls of the senior class were present. Mary Yoder read one of the stories which had been submitted last year. The rules were discussed and the girls had a nice time. Tea with music in the background is quite a treat to some of them and they look forward to coming. We feel it does a lot for the girls.

We have done nothing spectacular in the way of making money, just the good old rummage sale which we hold spring and fall over a period of several weekends. Ann Burk Kuper came back this year to give us "Harriet," a splendid performance of a very fine play. Our outstanding gifts this year were checks for a $100 to the American Red Cross and another for $100 for Goshen's new Youth Recreation Center. This project has long been needed here and we were glad to be in a position to further it. We also gave a substantial amount for tonsillectomies to be performed in the case of needy children. Then there were the Symphony tickets for service men; a response to the War Chest Drive; to the Needlework Guild; the Milk Fund for the school children; the Tuberculosis Fund; playing cards for service men; Cancer Control fund; Society for Crippled Children and the Hoosier Salon.

Too bad more of you could not have attended our anniversary dinner in January. This, too, was formal and although we all laughed a lot about our clothes, packed away these many years, we did look very elegant. We dined at the Goshen Hotel and all the past presidents were represented. It was an excellent dinner topped off by a mammoth birthday cake. While we sipped coffee and enjoyed the cake, each of the presidents gave the highlights of her year in office. It made us all very proud of being Psi Otes to hear how much the chapter had done in ten years, and the public must have been a little surprised too, to read a summary of our charities as it appeared in the next day's paper. As we go along from year to year it may not seem that much is being accomplished but hearing it presented in this way, there can be no doubt of the contribution the chapter has made in the community. Parts of the newspaper account follow:

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PSI IOTA XI OBSERVED AT FORMAL DINNER PARTY

Psi Iota Xi sorority held a formal anniversary dinner for fifty members and guests last evening in the main dining room of Goshen hotel to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the chartering of Beta Rho chapter. Places were arranged for the members and guests at two long tables which were attractively appointed with lighted tapers and floral arrangements in the sorority colors. Heading these tables was the officers' table, where a beautiful tiered birthday cake with 10 lighted candles formed the centerpiece.

Following the dinner the chapter president, Mrs. Leon Summy, gave a short résumé and history of the chartering of Beta Rho chapter and the progress it has made. Beta Rho chapter was organized here when in January, 1935, a group of thirty-nine girls known as the Gamma Tau sorority were initiated into the Psi Iota Xi national sorority.

Of the charter members, fifteen are still active in the chapter and two members, Kathryn Hughes and Louise Troup, have died. The chapter has grown and now has a roll call of fifty-two members.

Mrs. Summy introduced the following past presidents, Mrs. O. B. Weaver, Mrs. Vernon Pease, Mrs. Martin Bassett, and Mrs. William Latta, who spoke briefly.

Revealed in the above talks were the many charitable enterprises of the sorority, among which the following projects were outstanding: An Oxygenaire was presented to Goshen hospital in September, 1936. In 1937 the sorority, together with the Lions club, raised the sum of $2,000 for Goshen hospital. That same year the chapter sent a talented Goshen girl to art school in Fort Wayne. In 1938 a puppet show was sponsored, the proceeds of which were given to the Sunshine society of Goshen high school. In 1939 the chapter assisted with the speech and hearing clinics sponsored by Psi Iota Xi all over the state of Indiana. This work was continued for three years, two of these years a clinic was held in Goshen. In 1940, which was the fifth anniversary of the chapter, a completely furnished room, known as the "Psi Iota Xi room" was presented to the local hospital. The chapter sponsored the local salvage drive for tin cans and silk stockings in 1943. In 1944 the most modern type obstetrical table was presented to the hospital as a memorial to Kathryn Kantz Hughes. Through the years the chapter has paid for many tonsillectomies for needy children, given to all local charity projects, donated to flood relief, Finnish relief, British war relief, the Red Cross, and purchased War bonds.

Following the talks impressive initiation services were held for Mrs. Dale Swart.

ALPHA MU CHAPTER

Hartford City, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Harold Markin
Vice President	Mrs. Sam Gregory
Secretary	Mary Louise Scheidler
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Robert E. Jackson
Treasurer	Mrs. William Connelly

NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Sue Reidy, Marjoorie Kreigbaum, Jane Mahorney, Ruth Henley, Mrs. Harold Joyce, Mrs. Ralph McClintock, Mrs. Judson Ernie.

MARRIAGES

Jean Musselman to Dean L. Renbarger, October 25, 1944, in Boulder, Colorado.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert Fager, a daughter, Sharon Kay, born October 31; to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Knettle, a daughter, Kathleen Ann, born June 5; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Jackson, a daughter, Lucy Marie, born December 24; to Mr. and Mrs. Judson Ernie, a daughter, Shelia Marguerite, born September 11; to Mr. and Mrs. C. Harper Moore, a son, Roderick, born November 17.

DEATHS

Mrs. Nina Ludy Buckles, June, 1944.

CHAPTER LETTER

"L-A-D-I-E-S a-n-d G-E-N-T-L-E-M-E-N, step right this way to buy your tickets for rides on the merry-go-round, flying scooter, airplane, or what have you. Don't crowd—step right in line and these lovely ladies will sell you your tickets in a hurry!" So went the call of the carnival barker at the Blackford County Fall Fair. The "lovely ladies" he was referring to were none other than loyal Psi Otes of Alpha Mu Chapter. They were "killing two birds with one stone" so to speak—earning money for our hospital and charity fund as well as helping out the carnival management by selling the tickets. The members took different shifts of days and nights and even though they were kept quite busy they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was a very easy way to clear $129.

The carnival idea was carried out at our meeting in September following the Fall Fair. The committee in charge used decorations in the carnival motif. A sandwich stand, complete with hot dogs right off the griddle, and concessions of a peep-show and dog pond added to the gaiety of the party. The guests purchased tickets at a penny each for the concessions and although the receipts for the evening didn't total to a large amount they were added to the hospital fund.

Jane Mahorney, member of Psi Iota Xi at Hartford City, being crowned 1944 Indiana State Tomato Queen by Governor Schricker

Alpha Mu Chapter purchased a baby incubator for the Blackford County Hospital and also paid $150 as part payment on a new lamp for the hospital delivery room. The hospital board agreed to pay the balance on the lamp.

In March Mrs. Archie T. Keene of Fort Wayne reviewed the book "Burma Surgeon" and we realized a substantial profit from this project.

Each year Alpha Mu Chapter heads the TB Seal sale drive in coöperation with the Blackford County Tuberculosis Association. This year our chairman was Ruby Bonham and we're proud to say that through her efforts the county exceeded its quota of $1900.

We contributed $25 to the Red Cross, $5 to the Poppy fund, $5 to the Cancer drive, $5 to the American Legion fund for help to the wounded service men, and to the Hoosier Art Salon. We also purchased two season tickets for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra concerts which were given to service men.

Our annual Thanksgiving dance attracted a large crowd and all service men and women and their guests were admitted free.

PHI CHAPTER

Huntington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Ralph C. Dille
Vice President	Mrs. Ralph Woody
Secretary	Beulah Cline
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. E. V. Norfleet
Treasurer	Mrs. R. V. Kemmer
Conductress	Janet Schenkel

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Howard Stewart, Marjorie Schenkel, Marianna Grayston, Enid Ann Barnhisel, Marilyn Zeigler, Jeanne Ann Young, Mrs. Wilford Beasley, Mrs. J. C. Monsey.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ann McClelland to Harold K. Lee, S 1/C, Hamilton, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

Beverly Stephan to George Edward Galbreath, Ardith Reed to Alvin F. Ambler, Virginia Galbreath to Jack Snell, Marjorie Galbreath to William Harger, Alice Mae Williams to William Dill, Peg Ditzler to Raymond Kindler, Suzanne Seeley to Meredith Wamsley.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ade, a daughter, Kathleen Ruth; to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shaw, a son, Harry Len Michael; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cochran, a son, Thomas Ross.

NEWS LETTER

Our candlelight pledge service was conducted very impressively at the home of Mrs. Adolph Schenkel, with Janet Schenkel assisting. The installation of officers for the coming year was also held at this meeting.

Mrs. Gus Wasmuth and daughter, Gloria, were gracious hostesses for the initiation services. The house was profuse throughout with cut flowers and Mrs. George Bippus accompanied by Gloria Wasmuth sang the Psi Iota Xi song for the service. Six girls were initiated and two were daughters of charter members of Phi Chapter.

Forty-two members and guests enjoyed a delicious fried chicken dinner at the pretty country home of Alice Kline for our 24th Anniversary June party. Tables were arranged throughout the house and on the porch overlooking a perfect country landscape and a glorious sunset. Edna Cook, first president of Phi Chapter, presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Ralph Dille served the attractively decorated 24th anniversary cake, frosted in Psi Iota Xi colors.

A rummage sale and bakery sale were quite profitable and we think one of the best is yet to come, Catherine Turney Garten, who is to give a review in the high school auditorium, sponsored by Phi Chapter on May 2.

The Christmas party was held at the home of Marjorie Mann with Betty Endsley and Charlotte Lofland assisting. The home was decorated in keeping with the holiday season and was voted by all as one of the very nice parties of the year.

Book reviews and lectures have been enjoyed at our meetings.

Phi Chapter is proud indeed of the work the girls have done in USO, as nurses' aides, Red Cross bandage work and as volunteers at the local ration board.

Our outstanding charity project for the year was sending a young boy to the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Indiana University for an eight weeks' course. When the young man returned and visited our chapter, his improvement was most satisfactory.

Donations have been made to fourteen worthy organizations this year.

At our first business meeting in June, we bought a $100.00 War Bond.

Phi Chapter joined whole-heartedly with all other sororities in Huntington in making a success of the Inter-Sorority bridge party held at the Masonic Temple on February 7, the proceeds going to the Huntington County Hospital for needed equipment.

Phi Chapter's active membership for the year is 37, and they have been a very active group.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Kokomo, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Ruth Golightly
Vice President	Mrs. Sara Hilton
Secretary	Elaine Bowers
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Martha Maddox
Treasurer	Mrs. Margaret Kroft

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Maxine Poor, Mrs. Jeanette Richardson, Mrs. Carol Martin, Pauline Hunneshagen, Helen Louise Lung, Angie Phelps, Marjorie Barker, Constance Clifford, Mary Jo Hubbard, Charmion Tooley, Mary Ann Weibers, Patricia Morrison, Margaret Ahlbrand, Lucinda Matthews.

PLEDGES

Eva Hinders, Nancy Isham, Mrs. Mary Jo Schwenger.

MARRIAGES

Mrs. Helen Brown Yater to William D. Preston, in October, 1944. They will reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rieth, a daughter, Susan Carol, August 8, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. James D. Robinson, a daughter, Myrian Sue, September, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. John N. Rricke, a daughter, Jo Ellen, October 6, 1944; to Pfc. and Mrs. Carlton Hilton, a daughter, Susan Michele, November, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. Joseph Switzer, a son, February 2, 1945; to Mr. and Mrs. Jacque Weaver, a son, November, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

We gave a political party in February and had rushees for guests and also other friends of the sorority members were in attendance.

March we held a bingo party and plans were made for the "Before Easter" rummage sale. Mrs. Lucille Mann was chairman with Mrs. Martha Maddox and Mrs. Mary Ashburn as helpers. Eighty dollars on a two-hour rummage sale was "quick money."

April we held a potluck supper and later movies were shown by a representative from the Bunker Hill naval base.

June was the reunion party. Members from years ago turned out to be the judges for the sack races, the baseball games and the community sing. D-Day was the date for the party and a prayer for peace started the party. Country fried chicken was furnished by the committee and the rest of the bountiful meal was pot luck. Sixteen rushees were guests at this party.

Initiation was held at the Elks club on that hot June day about the time the Republicans were sweltering in Chicago for the convention. Fourteen girls were initiated.

October started the fall activities with rummage sale, the appointment of committees for the year and the round-up of 45 active members.

In August we had a stroke of good luck! Evelyn Tyner, the famed pianist, was in town on vacation. She was a former member of our chapter and offered to help us out financially by giving a concert. We had to join forces with the Tri Kappas but we still realized $525.00 each.

We gave a book library for the "Kokomo Victory" ship (U. S. Merchants Ship) launched by Evelyn Tyner who represented Kappa Chapter of Psi Iota Xi of Kokomo. Evelyn came to Kokomo three weeks before launching time and gave a concert for the high school students to help finance the library. Evelyn's generosity raised $250.00 on the ship's library.

Due to the good response this year of Mrs. Helen Stone's (inactive Psi Iota Xi) book review series, we shall be holding them annually.

Our Christmas dance was given jointly with the Tri Kappas as is our wartime custom. Susan Hatton and Mrs. William Wilson were our co-chairmen. This was the largest Christmas dance ever given in Kokomo.

WAR ACTIVITIES

We have about eight girls who are regular blood donors. We "manned" a Bond booth for several months at J. C. Penny's and helped out at the Frances Hotel Bond booth during the 6th War Loan Drive.

We have several members who are regular nurses' aides.

We take our turn being hostesses at the Kokomo Service Men's Club.

Several of our members are doing their share at rolling bandages and knitting for the Red Cross.

We have girls who check the price ceiling at Kokomo grocery stores for the OPA.

We gave money to the Good Will Industries, War Chest, TB Society, Service Club, Koky's Korner and the Kokomo Victory Ship launching expense and library.

We hope this time next year finds us on a peace-time schedule. May we extend our greetings to the Grand Council and all of our sister chapters.

DELTA ZETA CHAPTER

Lafayette, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Lena Click
Vice President	Nola Harmon
Secretary	Valera Ransburg
Cor. Secy.	Cecelia Zissis
Treasurer	Alice Adkins

MRS. RALPH R. CLICK
West Lafayette

NEW MEMBERS

Maxine Michael (affiliate from Beta Tau, Frankfort), Hilda Schwein (affiliate from Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne).

NEWS LETTER

Although Delta Zeta is an associate chapter holding monthly meetings, we feel very much a part of the Psi Iota Xi family circle. Throughout our year special emphasis is placed on literary, musical, art and charity meetings.

In September our new president, Lena Click, gave us a comprehensive report on the Indianapolis convention and we had our general fall organization meeting.

Again this year we sent a child to the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Indiana University. This nine-year-old young man was our guest of honor at our October meeting along with local welfare workers. It was indeed interesting to have young Tommy tell us something of the routine of the clinic and of his daily program there. More than that, it was gratifying to notice the improvement in his speech impediment and to know that our group had aided in correcting this defect to a large extent.

November brought the treat of a delightful evening spent viewing technicolor movies of a trip through the Smoky Mountains presented by Mrs. O. L. Foster who also gave an entertaining narrative.

Our group has been active in various phases of war work: USO, Navy Club, Red Cross—members branching out in different fields of knitting, making surgical dressings and acting as nurses' aides. Selling War Stamps and Bonds in the booths of downtown theatres along with other sororities has been one of our year-round activities.

An absorbing book review of "Oasis" was the highlight of our January meeting. Our February meeting will have a patriotic motif and will be followed by our March musicale.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Among Delta Zeta's main war activities has been the selling of War Stamps and Bonds regularly in the booths of downtown theatres. Individual members participate extensively in Red Cross work by knitting, surgical dressings, nurses' aide and administration work.

Our group is small and we can not go into war work on a large scale but we are active to the fullest extent and each of us feels that through our individual community associations we are in some degree also benefitting our chapter.

ALPHA XI CHAPTER

Logansport, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Ruth Leigh Pollard
Vice President	Katherine Erb
Secretary	Kathleen Bingaman
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Katherine Siewert
Treasurer	Helen Rich

NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Baker, Shirley Schmidt, Lois McCloskey, Joan Lowe, Carlotta Morgan, Mrs. Sally Bollei, Mrs. Josephine Price.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mary Margaret Justice, SP (T) 2/C, to Lt. Gene Petty.

MARRIAGES

Betty Lou David to Lt. (jg) Ramon K. Simpson.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones, a daughter, Pamela, on Feb. 8, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. George Kiesling, a daughter, Carol Ann, July 14, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. R. G. Lanning, adopted daughter, Mary Kay, on May 19, 1944.

NEWS LETTER

Business transacted during the year 1944 by Alpha Xi Chapter of Logansport (with apologies to Grand Chapter).

We have an active membership of 50, and I do mean active.

CHARITY REPORT

Alpha Xi has purchased: Outing flannel for the public welfare department; shoes, galoshes and glasses for needy children; groceries and clothing for needy families; for a tubercular family, one gallon of milk per day.

CONTRIBUTIONS

War Fund, Infantile Paralysis, Red Cross, Hoosier Art Salon, Indianapolis Symphony, TB and public health.

HOSPITAL REPORT

There are two hospitals in Logansport and we donate equally to both. We purchased water glasses and material for napkins which we hemmed. We made scrap books for the hospitalized children and took magazines for older patients.

WAR WORK

Filled 30 Russian Relief kits; made bandages, knitted and gave our blood; made scrap books, donated playing cards and magazine subscriptions to the local USO; served as senior hostesses at USO parties; had a Bond booth during both the 5th and 6th drives.

PROJECTS

Kathryn Garten's book review is our biggest project and we always go over the top. Logansport welcomes her each year and we enjoy having her. We sell magazine subscriptions. Our rummage sale has been exceptionally good the past two years (thanks to Marie Sebastian). This year each girl was responsible for $2.00 which she had to earn in some way. We have an attendance prize each business meeting so you see our girls really come.

SPECIAL MENTION

Kathleen Bingaman taught school at Ft. Harrison to the illiterate soldiers. She did a fine job and is to be commended. She had many interesting stories to relate and we all listened eagerly.

Katherine Erb completed last year as both president and corresponding secretary when the fortunes of war played havoc with our officers. One office is a job in itself, but Kate did both. Nice going, Kate.

We helped the Elks sack candy for the Christmas party. A lot of us are in Elks families and enjoy giving our assistance to the men.

Our pledges raffled off a War Bond to raise money and they did OK. They have entered right into the spirit of Psi Iota Xi.

We took in this year Barbara Baker who was one of the first Alpha Xi babies born. Welcome.

SOCIAL EVENTS

We started our social season with a lovely candlelight initiation dinner for our new members. Then followed a "Back to School" party. We can't mention them all, but our parties have been fun and just what we need these anxious days without our husbands and sweethearts.

WAR ACTIVITIES

This year we sent gifts both abroad and to our local clubs. We heard the call for the Russian Relief Kits and we filled 30 of them. In these days of scarcities, the hardest job was finding the items to go in.

There are two USO centers in Logansport and the girls generously donated to each. We sent a ham to one for Christmas and the English Cadets over here were taken care of generously. To the center at the Pennsylvania Station the chapter gave gifts which were put under a big Christmas tree. Each service man

Alpha Xi of Logansport celebrates the 20th Anniversary
Harriet Huff, center, is a charter member and is very active in the chapter

or woman was given a gift which we hope added a brighter note to this Christmas.

Our girls have given 1431 hours for knitting articles for the Red Cross. We have made 6750 bandages, and several of the girls are blood donors.

We are quite proud of our Junior Red Cross which we sponsor. They have made many items for service men, some have even been sent overseas. The children have made games, favors, scrapbooks and cross-word puzzles. Even now, soldiers passing through our city for the second time, request the cross-word puzzles to take aboard train with them. We feel as though the Junior Red Cross is a worth-while project.

During the 5th and 6th War Bond Drives Alpha Xi maintained a booth in one of Logansport's theaters. We are quite proud of our record because during the 6th Drive alone we sold $21,999.00 worth of bonds in actual cash.

And as all good Psi Otes feel, we don't mind doing war work, but we hope that soon the necessity for doing it will cease.

ALPHA NU CHAPTER

Markle, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mary Lou Miller
Vice President	Mrs. Dennis Greenawalt
Secretary	Mrs. Rex Shutt
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Clarence Naab
Treasurer	Gene Paul

NEW MEMBERS

Ann Goegline, Barbra Caley, Janice Wolfcale, Phillis Moore.

MARRIAGES

Hildreth Clark to Clarence B. Sampson, Thalia McCance to Robert Mattox.

BIRTHS

To Cpl. and Mrs. Ed Espic, a daughter, Susan; to Cpl. and Mrs. King Groff, a daughter, Patricia Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Frey Stockman, a son, James Eric; to Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Keller, a daughter, Pamela Gene.

NEWS LETTER

Another year of Psi Ote activity for the Alpha Nu Chapter and we find it has brought with it good times, hard work and sacrifices to every girl. Our activities have been curtailed quite severely because of war demands. A good part of our meetings this year have been spent at the Red Cross doing the bandage folding routine, with only a short business meeting after the evening's work. Quite often we would enjoy some sort of light refreshments which the girls took turns in bringing to the library.

We have had several nice parties, including a pledge dinner at the Hotel LaFontaine in Huntington, and a hard times party at the home of two of our members. Then there was the Christmas party with a lovely dinner gift exchange and a Christmas program. We also had a beautiful initiation party at the Psi Ote hall in Bluffton for four new members, one of these girls being the daughter of a member. She is attending college this winter and another one of the new girls is in training as a cadet nurse.

One meeting this year was devoted to the study of the Psi Ote Constitution, followed by a written inspection. We all profited from this meeting. We have enjoyed several good book reviews.

The financial undertakings of our chapter have not been extensive but we did have a very successful Christmas sale of hand made articles and a good rummage sale. We are making plans for several new ventures this year.

We have made the usual contributions to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, bought a TB Health Bond and donated the money for a kit of records to be used in a soldiers' hospital. We have purchased a new book for the library each month and have made the usual round to the homes of shut-ins with Christmas boxes. We also gave aid to an invalid boy who was in need of help.

Our chapter had the sorrow of war brought to its fold when one of the members lost her son in the Pacific area. Another family in our group had their brother reported missing in Europe for some time, but he turned up again and has been home for a short furlough, much to the joy of his sisters. One of our members has a very lovely little daughter who has yet to meet her soldier daddy who is far away in the Pacific area.

In closing, Alpha Nu sends greetings to all sister Psi Otes and joins in the universal prayer that Peace will come before another year comes to pass.

BETA EPSILON CHAPTER

Mentone, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. T. J. Clutter
Vice President	Mrs. Lucille Whetstone
Secretary	Mrs. Delford Nelson
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Lymon Mollenhour
Treasurer	Mrs. C. Jack Riner

NEW MEMBERS

Genevieve Kraatz, Mrs. Howard Shoemaker, Mrs. Ralph Ward, Mrs. Glen Weatherbee, Mrs. Earl Dwyer, Mrs. Max Nellans.

PLEDGES

Mrs. Russell Henderson.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Mont Bryan, a son, James Millard; to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence E. Camplejohn, a daughter, Alice Martha; to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Weatherbee, a daughter, Kathleen Louise.

NEWS LETTER

Beta Epsilon Chapter has had a very busy and successful year which started with a dinner and initiation service at the Westminister Hotel at Winona Lake.

In July our guest picnic was held on the banks of the Tippecanoe River after which we attended the show at Warsaw.

One of our members who was vacationing at Yellow Creek Lake invited the members and their husbands out for a pot luck supper. Later we attended the dance at Colonial Gardens, Lake Manitau.

In November we had another pot luck followed by initiation for five girls, Beta Epsilon being the smallest chapter we have had quite a drive on for new members.

The Christmas party was very enjoyable. We had a gift exchange and drew our gift according to our prize score.

Our rummage sale was very successful this year. We also had a raffle at the county fair. We made washable toys to sell for Christmas gifts. At each meeting the hostess furnishes a door prize for which each member pays a dime. This money is then turned in to the treasury.

Our chapter put on the Red Cross drive to which we donated; we also gave to the Infantile Paralysis Fund and to the Salvation Army drive.

At our senior graduation we give two $5.00 scholarships to the two students who have led their class during their four years of high school.

Preparations are now being made to assist a needy family.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Beta Epsilon Chapter has devoted its time and energy in the past year to recruiting blood donors. Seven members of our chapter have donated a total of 18 pints, and appointments were made and transportation furnished for fifteen other citizens of our community who have donated a total of 32 pints.

The members of Beta Epsilon Chapter are one hundred per cent in buying War Bonds. We are also putting every extra dollar that the chapter itself has into Bonds.

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER

Peru, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Noel Davis
Vice President	Jean VanSteenberg
Secretary	Mrs. Clarence Bitzer
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. William Vrooman
Treasurer	Mrs. Joseph Boswell

NEW MEMBERS

Marijane Harris, Irene Overman, Evaline Kessler, Mrs. Carl Kessler, Mary Hortense Robinson, June Jackson, Phyllis Coon, Marilou Tresch, Judith Summers, Doris Wilkinson, Mrs. Harry Williams, Mrs. Kay Stanton, Evelyn Lauer, Jean Bennett.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rosalyn Volpert to Augustus Fox.

MARRIAGES

Marlee Welke to Albert E. Fishback, Jr., Rosanna Durkes to David E. Garrett, Barbara Esslinger to Kay Stanton, Mary LaVerne Connor to John Titterington, Kathleen Bennett to Keith Frihart, Lois Kerschner to Clarence Bitzer.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sonafrant, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brauneller, a son.

NEWS LETTER

A formal dinner party held at the Mississinewa Country Club at which time the new officers were installed and initiation services held for thirteen outstanding girls marked the beginning of the new year for Beta Gamma Chapter.

In July we enjoyed a lawn party held at the country home of Georgia Jenkins. At this time we held initiation services for Lillian Williams.

In August we had a theater party and presented the chapter's gift to one of our new brides.

In September we had a bridge party at the home of Pauline Murden and also presented a gift to two new brides.

In October we had our annual outing at the Boy Scout cabin. The decorations were Halloween-ish and everyone had a spooky time.

In November everyone enjoyed our music program held at the home of Margaret Life when Beta Gamma uncovered much hidden talent.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the home of Mildred Peters.

Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, one of our charming patronesses, was hostess at our literary party.

Our money-making projects have included rummage sales, a book review and the selling of paper products and Christmas cards.

We have donated to all local and national drives, bought a War Bond and presented gifts to all inmates of the county farm.

Last, but far from least, we are very proud of Patricia Drinkard who is a staff sergeant with the Women's Army Corps and stationed "somewhere in France."

WAR ACTIVITIES

Each of us has aided the war effort by helping at the Red Cross, donating blood, buying Bonds, etc. Many of our members are hostesses at the USO, group leaders and a few are on the USO Council. This year Beta Gamma Chapter sent the Coronet magazine or Reader's Digest to our husbands, brothers or sons in the armed forces.

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER

Remington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President	Edith Little
Vice President	Mrs. Allen Wall
Secretary	Mrs. Ernest Wisley
Cor. Secy.	Lucile Hensler
Treasurer	Mrs. Lenore Robinson

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Dan Hansell, Mrs. Raymond Knochel, Mrs. Gerald Landis, Mrs. Ernest Wisley, Mrs. Lenore Robinson, Mary Roney, Eleanor Roney, Mrs. Eugene Farrell, Mrs. Omer Dilling, Marjorie Baxter, Wilma Frey, Mrs. Lyle Kiser, Mrs. Keith Butcher, Alma June Bridgewater, Esther Roney, Elizabeth Roney, Aldine Scharlach, Mrs. Robert Tourney, Mrs. George Gieb, Jr.

ENGAGEMENTS

Betty Hopkins to Emery Kenyon, Ruth Bott to Robert Tourney, Wilma Frey to Corp. Donald Buck.

MARRIAGES

Ruth Bott to Robert Tourney.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waples, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Knochel, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stoikowitz, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Dilling, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Scharlach, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Meents, twin sons.

NEWS LETTER

The good ship "Gamma Beta" of the Psi Iota Xi fleet set sail early in September with Edith Little as captain. The first stop was out in the country where guests joined the crew for an interesting book review and party.

The crew, having worked hard all summer at their annual county fair project and helping Fountain Park celebrate its golden jubilee year, were glad to put back to port and wait for the ten guests who wished to join them.

Early in November these new sailors were well trained and ready to come aboard. In the candle lighted parlor of our sacred haunt all sailors were served a three-course luncheon. Ensign Landis invited them into her cabin where very impressive initiation services were held and our ten pledges became full-fledged sailors on the "Gamma Beta."

The local Saddle Club held a rodeo in our seaport. The Psi Otes, not wishing to miss anything, served hot dogs and ice cold pop. This netted us a goodly sum.

Our captain, a fine artist, spent much time in painting. To the "Beta Tau" she mailed one canvas. Then, looking at the "Gamma Beta's" expense book, she immediately set to painting again. This time a lucky lady drew the picture and our ship sailed on.

Early in December we came ashore at the Jones port for a wassailing party. Old Santa caught up with us at the Bellows home and spread gifts and cheer around us.

The crew, wishing to show their appreciation to the captain, purchased a jeweled pin and presented it to her.

We affiliated with the Riley Hospital Guild, donated to the European War Relief, USO, Red Cross, and Infantile Paralysis campaign.

Our ship sails on. We expect to return in time to award a prize to the outstanding music student of the graduating class and for the birthday party and homecoming in June.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER

Van Wert, Ohio

OFFICERS

President	Loraine Stetler
Vice President	Pauleen Jones
Secretary	Helen Miller
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. John Makemson
Treasurer	Mrs. Richard Weigle

NEW MEMBERS

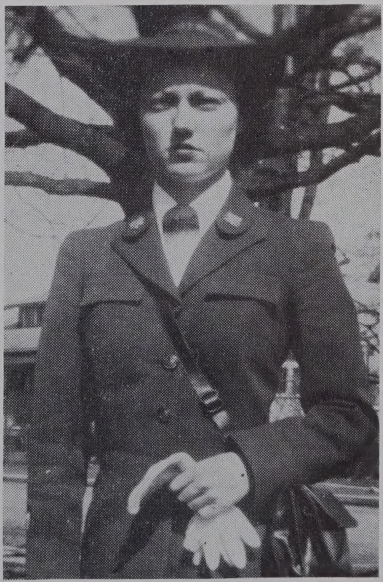
Charlotte Black, Carol Frericks.

MARRIAGES

Dorothy Uhl to Lt. Richard N. Weigle, October 15, 1944.

BIRTHS

To Pvt. and Mrs. John R. Rauch, a daughter, Karen Sue, September 27, 1944.



VIRGINIA L. ZOTZ, S 1/C,
U. S. Coast Guard Base
610 S. Canal St., Chicago.
Honorary inactive of Van Wert

NEWS LETTER

The war being foremost in our minds, and yours, Beta Delta feels that the work and activities contributed to the war effort rate "top billing." We are especially proud of Virginia Zotz, who has been serving in the SPARS for the past year. Outstanding work on the home front is not to be overlooked, and the girls spent much time and effort serving as Red Cross swimming instructors; nurses' aides; knitting and making surgical dressings for the Red Cross; USO work; keeping the Army and Navy Record in order; and aiding in the local War Chest, Bond and Red Cross drives.

We have contributed to the various community and national war-time funds, and began refurnishing and redecorating the room in our County Hospital which the chapter maintains as one of its projects. We are also sponsoring a newly organized Brownie Scout troop, with one of our own members serving on the Scout Committee.

A Bond raffle proved very profitable, but due to the present popularity of rummage sales in this community, our usual fall sale was withheld until January.

Despite all this, we have not eliminated social functions, and have maintained interesting and entertaining programs.

A Dutch treat theatre party marked the opening of a new year, followed, seasonally, by a Valentine party. In March, Mrs. William Kennedy, a native of Puerto Rico, presented an educational and interesting talk regarding her homeland. April found us brushing up for our annual Constitution night, and anticipating a musical evening as well. A local high school teacher offered many beautiful piano selections. In May the book, "Journey in the Dark," was splendidly reviewed by one of our own members. A picnic in July was the highlight of entertainment. August brought the girls together for a swimming party, and loads of fun. September ushered in the fall season and Beta Delta's fifteenth anniversary dinner, a really delightful affair. Dainty Fostoria ash trays were given as favors. Our Halloween party for members and guests was a gay, informal one, cleverly arranged.

November witnessed impressive services at which time two lovely girls were pledged. Following the ceremony, a book review, "Mother Went Mad on Monday," was given by a guest.

The annual Christmas dinner was followed by formal initiation, after which a gift exchange, under a beautifully decorated tree, was held.

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GAMMA ZETA, OSSIAN

Back Row, left to right: Alberta Swaim, Ruth Wilburn, Rosemary Smith, Lois Johnson (President), Leona Mahensmith, Joan McLain, Rosella Shull, Lela Cossairt.

Seated, left to right: Patricia Blanton, Elizabeth Wert, Vada Welbaum, Marceil Morissay.

INSTALLATION OF GAMMA ZETA

Our baby chapter, Gamma Zeta of Ossian, was installed Saturday night, March 17, 1945, in the Psi Ote club rooms in Bluffton. The ritual was conducted by Ruth Hancock, assisted by Ruth Harker, Clara Stanley, Kathryn Gordon and Earlyn Young. Other Council members present were Isabel Reichart, Leah Flint, Alda Jane Carson, Irene Conarroe, Virginia Hall and Margaret Retherford.

The new chapter was assisted in obtaining a charter by Alpha Nu of Markle, Alpha Eta of Bluffton and Delta Gamma of Fort Wayne. Mrs. Paul Johnson is president of the group and other members are Mrs. Ned Wilburn, Mrs. Jay Cossairt, Mrs. John Shull, Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mrs. Richard Welbaum, Mrs. Harold Morissay, Mrs. Stanley Blanton, Mrs. Gene Swaim, Mrs. Charles Mahnensmith, Miss Elizabeth Wert and Miss Joan McLain.

The chapter has chosen the following Ossian women as patronesses: Mrs. Albert Melching, Mrs. Mart Henline, Mrs. Dale Derr, Mrs. Holden Hunter and Mrs. Vera Bushee.

The satin robes of the installing group gleaming in the candle light, the young initiates in their pretty formals and the dinner dresses of the guests presented a lovely picture in the flower-laden room; another lovely picture was that of the tender devotion shown by the Ossian group to one of their members who had undergone an operation recently and who had to be carried into the room in order not to miss being initiated with the group of which she was a part.

More than 100 members, including girls from Markle, Fort Wayne and Bluffton, attended the affair. The grand officers were introduced and each gave a brief greeting, followed by short talks by Miss Mary Lou Miller, president of Markle chapter; Mrs. H. Brooks Smith, president of Bluffton chapter; Miss Helen Hester, president of Delta Gamma of Fort Wayne.

During the social hour following installation refreshments of coffee, cake and nuts were served from a lace covered table, gleaming with silver and crystal and decorated in St. Patrick motif. Members of the new Ossian chapter presided at the table.

We are happy to welcome this new chapter to which we extend hearty good wishes for happiness as members of Psi Iota Xi and a high degree of success.

Grand Council at Installation of Ossian Chapter — Psi Iota Xi Club Room in Bluffton

IN MEMORIAM

MILDRED JONES, Delphi

Soon after our last report from Delphi was sent in, we were deeply shaken by the death of Mildred Jones. Mildred had attended our last party and although she had been excused from inspection on March 23rd due to illness, we did not fully realize the seriousness of her condition until the next day, and she was gone. She had been a member of the sorority only a few months, but she deserved all of the love and devotion which we had for her.

In memory of Mildred and of our former patroness, Lillian F. Blythe, we have added two books of the "Pageant of America" series on Music and Art to the Public Library.

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The Alpha Mu Chapter of Psi Iota Xi honors their late member, Mrs. Nina Ludy Buckles, with this memoriam.

Mrs. Buckles passed away in June, 1944, after an extended illness. She was born at Milgrove, Indiana, and lived the greater part of her life in Hartford City, having been a primary school teacher in the Hartford City schools. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Herbert Buckles, and a son, David, who is resident physician at the Indiana University Medical Center.

She was a loyal and willing worker and the absence of her fine character and good qualities is sincerely mourned.

FRANCES FAIRFIELD BATCHELET
Angola

Rho Chapter mourns the loss of a sister Psi Ote in the passing of Frances Fairfield Batchelet on January 5, 1945.

Frances was the daughter of the late Hon. and Mrs. Louis W. Fairfield, and was born in Angola, Indiana, October 31, 1904. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and attended George Washington University in Washington, D. C. She became a member of Rho Chapter in 1930.

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Miss Fronia Bender passed away very suddenly January 28 at Lake View Hospital in Danville, Illinois. Fronie, as everyone called her, was a devoted member of Psi Iota Xi. Even though a member for a few short months there probably never was a member who worked at it so fiercely. Though not in good health, she was the first to arrive at a meeting and the last to leave. She taught school forty years, retiring three years ago, in order to rest and enjoy her friends in a more leisurely manner. We shall miss Fronia in the Covington chapter.

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Kokomo members of Psi Iota Xi were saddened by the death of Margaret Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Palmer. She died in the fall of 1944 after an illness of several years.

Mary Woodfill Willoughby, a former Greensburg resident, died at her home in Washington, D. C., January 23, 1945. Her sudden death came as a great shock to her many friends.

Mrs. Willoughby was born October 1, 1896, the daughter of Harry T. and Kate Johnston Woodfill. After receiving her elementary training in the Greensburg schools, she was graduated from Tudor Hall at Indianapolis and Wellesley College. She later taught languages at Baraboo, Wis., and at Kansas City, Kans.

Since her marriage to Raymond C. Willoughby, prominent magazine editor and writer, on January 2, 1924, she had lived in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Willoughby was a woman of refinement and unusual cultural attainments. She was popular in social circles here for many years and was a charter member of Sigma Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She was identified with the Presbyterian Church.

The immediate survivors are: the husband, Raymond C. Willoughby of Washington, D. C.; her mother, Mrs. Kate Woodfill, of this city; a brother, William L. Woodfill, Greensburg attorney, and a sister, Miss Kathryn Woodfill of Chicago. A sister, Nellie Woodfill, died in 1911.

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Alpha Omicron Chapter has lost a valuable member, Ethel Schultz. Ethel was born on September 9, 1894, and passed away October 13, 1944. She was initiated into Psi Iota Xi in 1926. Since then she has been such an active member—always willing to work on any committee. She has held the offices of both treasurer and vice-president. She is survived by her husband, Paul Schultz, and a daughter, Mrs. John Adams, who is also a Psi Iota Xi.

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Chi Chapter of Brookston wishes to extend sympathy to June Wynkoop Sparks, in the loss of her husband, Lt. Charles Sparks, who was killed in heroic action over Germany, October 15, 1944.

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Markle chapter extends profound sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Line, whose son, Staff Sgt. Harold Line, was killed in line of duty in the Pacific area during the latter part of October.

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While the members of the Charlestown chapter were gathered together for their initiation dinner they observed a silent tribute in memory of a beloved patroness, Mrs. James Morrow, whose sudden death was a great shock to all of them.

Grace Elizabeth Winters still lives in the hearts of all Psi Otes of Beta Nu Chapter—a personality so courageous and inspiring as that of Grace is seldom known. Her gladness to serve and many qualities of merit made her beloved by all who knew her.

She was born in East Chicago, Indiana, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Winters. Her very sudden death occurred November 26, 1944. It was in East Chicago that she lived her very busy life and here that she gave so freely of her time and strength.

As a public school teacher she served for sixteen years. While here she became interested in Junior Red Cross, assisting for fourteen years—the last two of which she served as City Chairman of Junior Red Cross. During this time she organized the Junior Red Cross in all the parochial schools in the city. She was always an active member in the Calumet Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, serving as Regent from 1941-1943. Grace was a member of the Congregational Church.

Girl Scout work claimed a share of her time, first as a Brownie Leader and Counsellor.

During our war years added Red Cross activities were given more time. Grace also served as chaperon of Chicago USO and the local USO. One could seldom enter the Winters home without seeing several "boxes of cheer" ready for mailing to our service men, also knitting for the service boys.

As a member of Beta Nu Chapter it is here, too, that we shall miss her—her spontaneous laugh—the hospitality in the home—talking over the lovely collection of antiques she and her sister, Agnes, shared—these we shall miss.

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Mrs. Maud Martin Hegg, wife of Lt. Lyle Hegg of the USNR, died November 20, 1944 at a hospital in Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. Hegg was the mother of two children and a musician of such outstanding ability that any community would have loved her. She is greatly missed not only by Gamma Epsilon but by everyone who knew her and her place will be hard to fill.

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Gamma Epsilon of Covington extends sympathy to Musette Robb, whose home was broken by the death of her husband, Charles Robb, on October 31, and to Ann Aldridge whose mother, Mrs. Lydia Aldridge, passed away December 11.

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Delta Gamma of Fort Wayne extends sympathy in the death of Mrs. Wert, mother of Jeanne Wildermuth, a former member.

ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

1945 CONVENTION

The 1945 convention reminds us of the little man who wasn't there by being the convention that wasn't there. Franklin, Zionsville and Columbus chapters were making plans to act as hostesses and had our reservations made at the Severin Hotel for June 12th and 13th when the ODT order, banning conventions of over 50 persons, went into effect.

We thought of various schemes for having a representative meeting—we might even have received permission to hold a streamlined convention in view of the staggering amount of war work shown by chapter reports—but the sensible course of action, under so many uncertainties, seemed to be to give up the idea entirely, with the thought in mind that perhaps by fall the situation in Europe will have eased to such an extent that travel will be restricted less and we will be able to have province meetings.

Grand Council will meet on June 12 and 13 at a place to be announced later and will be available for consultation with representatives from any chapters which have problems to discuss or suggestions to offer. Present officers on Council will continue in their respective duties and voting on certain matters will be carried on by mail.

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WAR CONFERENCE OF 1944

The 42nd convention of Psi Iota Xi opened at the Severin Hotel in Indianapolis on June 13, 1944. Registration was conducted in the hotel lobby from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m., followed by a lovely dinner at 7:00 o'clock in the Roof Garden, attended by approximately 250 Psi Otes. Table decorations carried out the patriotic motif in colors of red, white and blue and favors were small corsages made of War Stamps.

Grand officers entered the dining room to the strains of the processional and the meeting was opened by a prayer made by Dorotha Ellen Kirk. Dinner music was furnished by Helen Ornbaum Black, soloist, and Mrs. Stewart Watson, pianist. Officers and delegates then were welcomed officially by Mrs. James Carr, president of Delta Chapter, on behalf of the members of Delta and Delta Beta Chapters, the convention hostesses. Response for Grand Council was made by Ruth Hancock, after which Helen Stith, convention chairman, presented our Grand President, Isabel Reichart, who in turn presented the other members of Council. A delightful group of songs was given by Phyllis Wilcox Wieland who was accompanied at the piano by Helen Thomas Martin. A reading by Helen Ornbaum Black gave much pleasure to her audience.

Door prizes, both individual and chapter, were furnished by Sigma Chapter of Greensburg. In the drawing of Hoosier Salon pictures, Delta of Indianapolis was the lucky Central Province chapter, winning "Indian Craft"; in Southern Province the Greensburg girls drew "Winter"; in Northern Province Beta Gamma of Peru won "Edge of Town."

A short intermission followed dinner, giving the girls an opportunity to greet their friends before going into the first business session of the convention.

During this business meeting reports on the past year's activities of her office were made by each member of Grand Council and the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Leonidas Smith of the Hoosier Salon spoke to the group, expressing deep appreciation for our support of that project and telling us something of their plans and hopes for the future. Dr. Robert Milisen of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Indiana University gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Clinic; Miss Mary Glen, Executive Secretary of the Women's Committee of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and a member of Delta Chapter, expressed the hope that we will be able to continue our support of the orchestra and Miss Elsie Sweeney gave a most inspirational talk concerning our cultural and patriotic activities. Four members of our new chapter, Gamma Epsilon of Covington, were introduced to the delegates and were welcomed warmly.

The business meeting Wednesday morning was held in the Rainbow Room of the Severin and was preceded by a beautiful memorial service conducted by Mrs. L. H. Rudolph, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Stewart Watson.

After roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous night's business meeting the delegates voted to continue our support of the Hoosier Salon, Indianapolis Symphony and the Speech and Hearing Clinic. The Symphony cup was awarded to Kappa of Kokomo and the Achievement cup to Pi of Fort Wayne. The slate was presented by Mrs. J. H. Hall, chairman of the nominating committee. During the counting and tabulating of votes community singing was led in a most enthusiastic manner by

Peg Crowe Gray and Helen Ornbaum Black.

Installation of the new officers followed and was marked by the presentation of gifts and flowers to the outgoing and in-coming presidents by their respective home chapters, Frankfort and Greensburg. A highlight of the rite was the appearance of little Carolyn Hancock, daughter of our new president, who brought a lovely watch for her mother as a congratulatory gift from the family.

The final event of the convention was the luncheon Wednesday, held in the Roof Garden. Before the guests were seated Margaret Retherford sang "Grace Before Meat" in a very charming manner. The prize for the outstanding Helicon report was awarded to Epsilon of Columbus. Luncheon music was furnished by Victoria Montani, harpist.

Much credit for the smooth operation of this very pleasant meeting goes to the convention chairman, Helen Stith of Delta, and to her co-chairman, Dorotha Ellen Kirk of Delta Beta, and to the following committee members: Betty Kiser, Sue Foster, Catherine Carr, Rena Mae Powell, Edith Shafer, Margaret Wyatt, Maude Siebert, Lola Rudolph and Margaret Gray.

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GRAND COUNCIL MEETINGS

Grand Council held three business meetings during the past year. I say "business meetings" advisedly, as the social aspect was reduced to the irreducible minimum. Each meeting was held on Sunday in order not to interfere with the regular jobs held by most Council members, as well as with their activities in Red Cross, bond drives and other defense projects. We also had to forego the pleasure usually derived from having representatives from Hoosier Salon, Speech and Hearing Clinic, Indianapolis Symphony, our official jeweler, official stationer and others as special guests. War-time hotel regulations concerning serving special parties on Sunday prevented our former activities.

The first meeting was held on October 8, 1944, in the Italian Room of the Lincoln Hotel in Indianapolis. The new members of Council were present and the veterans were very happy to welcome them. Necessary business was transacted and plans were made for the year.

In January we had another meeting, set to coincide with the Hoosier Salon pre-view dinner and with a Symphony concert. Several of the girls came in on Saturday night and attended the Salon showing, and Ruth Hancock, Ruth Harker and Margaret Retherford attended the dinner which preceded the opening of the exhibit. The business session on Sunday adjourned just in time to permit Council members to attend the Symphony concert at which William Kapell was guest artist.

The third meeting was held on Sunday, March 18, at the Keenan Hotel in Fort Wayne. Here we were faced with the problem of working out plans whereby we could dispense with this year's convention in conformity with O. D. T. rulings. It was decided that we would hold a super executive board meeting at the time usually set aside for convention. Chapters wishing to consult with Council were instructed to arrange for a representative to come to this meeting. As an emergency war measure present official family members consented to act for another year in their respective capacities. Plans were made to hold province meetings in the fall if the war situation has eased to the extent that such meetings are permitted.

We all left Fort Wayne about 2:15—tired, but very grateful for the lovely weather which a kindly disposed weather man had bestowed upon us for our trip.

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HANCOCK - GARVER

Historic First Scotch Presbyterian Church at Tradd and Meeting streets, in Charleston, South Carolina, was the scene of the quiet but impressive wedding of Miss Katherine Garver, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Robertson, of Indianapolis, and John C. Hancock, BM 1/C, of the U. S. Coast Guard. son of E. J. Hancock, on April 4, 1944.

The church was decorated with white amaryllis, baby breath and greenery in silver vases and white tapers in tall candelabra.

Preceding the ceremony, performed by Dr. Edward Gerrant Lilly, Ensign David George, U. S. N., played a program of traditional bridal airs and Lohengrin's Wedding March for the entrance of the bridal party.

The bride wore a light blue wool dressmaker suit with a hat of white starched lace and black patent accessories and carried a bouquet of white Siberian iris. She was attended by her mother, who wore a lavender dress with navy accessories and carried peach gladioli and orchid sweetpeas.

The groom was attended by J. Francis Brenner, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Charleston, S. C.

Little Carolyn Hancock, sister of the groom, was flower girl and was dressed in printed blue marquisette. She carried a small French bouquet of daisies, blue delphinium and tiny pink rosebuds.

After the ceremony, a dinner was served at Brewton Inn to the wedding party, immediate members of the family, including Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hancock, of Greensburg, and John Hancock's shipmates, the crew of the C. G. 83505.

First row—Mary Jane Harris, Peru, vice president; Jean Smith, Muncie, president; Kathryn Strait, Muncie, secretary-treasurer.

Second row—Joan Nixon, Eaton, Kathleen Edwards, Peru.

First row, left to right—Lillian Johnston, Greensburg; June Jackson, Peru; Margaret Sigler, Eaton.

Second row—Joan McBride, Bluffton; Catherine Janney, Muncie.

PSI IOTA XI COLLEGE CLUBS

A group of Psi Iota Xi members who are students at Ball State College in Muncie met in February at the home of Mrs. Ray Morrison, president of Alpha, and organized the first college group of our organization. Miss Jean Smith was elected president; Miss Mary Jane Harris, vice-president; Miss Kathryn Strait, secretary-treasurer. The group represents chapters in Peru, Greensburg, Rushville, Greenfield, Eaton, Bluffton, Huntington, Marion and Muncie. The girls will meet once a month.

Members are Evelyn Sowers, Chloe Linniger, Avonelle Geyer, Roberta Good, Joan McBride, Catherine Janney, Mary Jane Harris, Jean Smith, Kathryn Strait, Joan Nixon, Kathleen Edwards, Lillian Johnston, June Jackson and Margaret Zigler, and Christine Moodey.

CHAPTER CHATTER

MT. VERNON

Mt. Vernon has some very talented and capable pledges—if the demonstrations to date are any indication.

Marcia Hall is serving with the Red Cross mobile unit in India, Province of Afsam. She writes her letters cannot be reproduced in print but we may use a few excerpts. Marcia was subjected to the regular sailor's initiation ceremony as the ship crossed the Equator. Being a bridge enthusiast and certainly an expert, she arrived at the semi-finals in the bridge tournament on her way to India. Christmas Eve she witnessed a very impressive midnight church service in a native hut. And of all things—on Christmas Day had fried chicken for breakfast—a real treat it was, too!

Marian Deeley and her young daughter are living on the west coast, to be near Lieut. George of the Dental Corps, who is on a U. S. carrier in the South Pacific. She has been experiencing some of the housekeeping thrills her grandmother once knew—chopping wood for her cook stove.

Kay Seibold has opened a new gift shop, "La Parada," which features Mexican and Indian gifts.

Ellen Heckler served during the past year as Worthy Matron of Knox Chapter No. 236 OES.

Faye O'Bryan's daily schedule is a busy one, but she finds time to teach physical education at the Mt. Vernon High School.

Mary Elizabeth White is teaching in Oakwook (Quaker) School at Poughkeepsie, New York. She is doing nurses' aide service at City Hospital and also has a Girl Scout troop.

Grace Hepler is secretary in the president's office at Thompson Products, Inc. She also is practicing her nurses' aide training at Lakeside Hospital.

Jean Hall Dean and Lt. Paul Dean are in Florida.

Among members having husbands and sons in the service are: Mary Claypool, son, John, P. O. on the U. S. S. Hopewell, destroyer in the Southwest Pacific; Leona Culbertson, son, George, Navy V-12, seaman 1/c; Evelyn Rudin, husband, Jack, sergeant, England; Susan Upham, son, Stephen, coxswain, U. S. Coast Guard, N. Y. Harbor, and son, David, cadet, Marine Academy, three trips to sea; Rene Everhart, son, Jack, U. S. Air Corps; Margaret Lewis, husband, Lawrence, boatswain's mate, 1/c, Coast Guard.

CHARLESTOWN

Miss Jean Childers has completed her training as a nurses' aide and will be working in that capacity at Clark County Memorial Hospital, Jeffersonville.

It is interesting to us as Psi Otes to note that the child we sponsored for Speech and Hearing Clinic last year, Anna Grace McKay, showed enough improvement by the end of the term to warrant acceptance into a special school in Louisville last fall.

Earline Hester is active again in Alpha Theta Chapter after having been secretary of Robert Park Methodist Church. She was also director of youth activities and secretary of Robert Park Service Men's Center.

This is a splendid opportunity in which to thank Olive Todd for her wonderful coöperation as project leader in our sale of Household Paper Products.

Two members of Alpha Theta, Ruth Haller and Janet Morrow, are employed by the government at the War Nursery in Charlestown where children of working mothers are cared for.

While none of our members is in the armed forces, the mother of one of the girls, Pvt. Fern Bagby, is a Medical Corpsman in the Army Air Force, Base Hospital, McChord Field, Washington.

Lucy Meyer has returned to Charlestown and to Psi Iota Xi after working in California with the USO.

Peggy Easterday has left us to be with her husband, an Army medical student at Johns Hopkins.

BLOOMFIELD

Cadet Elizabeth S. Dugger is in her second year of training at a hospital in Indianapolis.

Mildred Sander's husband is back in the States after being wounded in France.

Ruth D. Owen's husband is in an English hospital, recovering from wounds received in France. Mrs. Owen's son, Lt. James D. Blackmore, pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, is with the Eighth Air Force in England. Lt. Blackmore's graduation exercises in Stockton, California, were filmed in Moss Hart's recent movie, "Winged Victory."

"Cloey" Walls is living at Crane, where her husband is employed.

Grace Greene is doing her part to relieve the teacher shortage. She is a kindergarten teacher at Crane.

Esther Workman has completed her nurses' training and is nursing at a hospital in Chicago.

HARTFORD CITY

Take notice, sister Psi Otes! Alpha Mu Chapter of Hartford City is proud to present to you an outstanding member. We say outstanding because of that rare combination of beauty PLUS brains.

She is none other than Jane Mahorney who was chosen Indiana State Tomato Queen at the Jay County Fair held in Portland last fall. She was selected from about forty other contestants entered by various canning factories from over the state. Jane and her two attendants are shown in the picture on Page 84. Governor Schricker is shown placing the coveted crown on her head while Jane proudly displays a plate of tomatoes.

Jane was initiated into Psi Iota Xi last spring upon her graduation from high school. She was awarded a scholarship to Indiana University in recognition of her high scholastic standing. During the past summer instead of loafing she realized how acute the manpower situation was and decided to help out by doing her part. Jane learned to operate a lathe and was employed at that task at the local Stutz factory until the day before she left for Indiana University. Her scholarship is to continue for four years providing she keeps up her high grades and Jane is doing just that—her grades are far above average which we feel is something to boast about considering her beauty, too.

GREENFIELD

Holly Jones and her husband spent several weeks in California. She gave many interesting accounts of her experiences.

Hazel Tyler is with her husband at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Dorothy Bellows is doing her bit for Uncle Sam by nursing at the County Hospital.

Dorothy Kiser's husband is stationed in England and Opal Wall's husband is in France.

Our own Clara Balcome has reached England with a Red Cross unit. We are proud of Clara and her work.

Ensign Mary Mather is stationed in Florida.

Gamma Beta takes great pride in the twin sons of Psi Ote Esther Meents.

Holly Jones, June Nelson, and Wilma Frey attended the wedding of Ruth Bott in Indianapolis.

EAST CHICAGO

We are pleased to report that one of our members, Miss Frances Boomer, an art teacher at Washington High School, exhibited several of her paintings at the Northern Indiana Art Salon and received a prize on one of them.

Mrs. Murlea Mulder, known to a great many of us as being a member of Beta Nu Chapter and a Past Grand President of Psi Iota Xi during 1940-41, has had another honor bestowed upon her. She was unanimously elected to the office of State President of the American Legion Auxiliary in August of 1944. The office of president serves 24,300 members in the state. Murlea has served the state through the administration of seven past state presidents.

CAMBRIDGE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ellsbury announce the birth of a son, Donald Howard, on February 11, 1945.

PSI IOTA XI MOVIES

From our news letter of October 15, 1944, we quote as follows: "Isabel reported that one of the Frankfort Psi Otes experienced quite a thrill when a film showing a Psi Ote activity was thrown on the screen in a Chicago movie house. It seems that this film was being used in connection with the drive against juvenile delinquency. If you know where such films have been made and what particular projects have been illustrated, will you please send the information to the writer of this letter?"

Later in the year we heard from one of the members of Delta Beta, who was visiting in Florida, that she had experienced a similar thrill upon seeing Psi Iota Xi flashed on the screen in a movie house in Florida. It took her so completely by surprise that the short was ended before she had recovered from her surprise, but her impression was that scenes from our Speech and Hearing Clinic were being shown in connection with a movement in that state toward giving children with speech and hearing defects the same service which is being given to such children in Indiana through the efforts of our organization.

We would like to know more about this!

ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY RULES

The achievement trophy will be awarded in June to the Psi Iota Xi chapter having made the greatest progress during the past year.

Judgment of this progress shall be based upon the following four items:

1. Charity.
   (a) Amount spent per capita of active members during the year on local charity, regardless of when the money was earned.
   (b) Type of charity done, preference being given to that considered most constructive.
2. Program.
   Programs, both public and private, which chapter has sponsored.
3. Attendance.
   Average attendance based upon actual attendance of active members between October 1, 1942, and May 15, 1943.
4. Standing of chapter in own community.

This trophy shall be given to the president of the winning chapter and shall remain in her possession during the coming year.

The name of each honored chapter and the date held shall be engraved on the trophy.

In the event that the same chapter receives the award for three consecutive years, it shall become the permanent possession of that chapter.

MILLY

Did you know that Mildred Brown Sebring, of Washington, a former Grand President as well as a grand girl, is now Lt. Mildred Sebring Sellman? Mr. Sellman, a life-long friend of Milly's, is a Seabee who had spent two years in England and France before their marriage. After a ten-day honeymoon he had to leave on a second tour of duty, this time going to the South Pacific. We all wish Milly the love and happiness she so richly deserves.

Tune: Sunday, Monday or Always.
Words by Kathryn Rupe, Gamma Alpha Chapter, Portland, Indiana.

Glad when Mondays come
We can have some fun
First and third Mondays always.
Psi Ote meeting night
Members beaming bright
Laughing, smiling, always.
No need to tell you gals
The joys in being with you
The proof is in our loyalty
To the old gold and blue
And this we know is true
We'll be faithful to
Sister—Psi Otes—always.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Several chapters have sent copies of their year's program to the editor who has been very glad to get them and who has gleaned many ideas as to the scope of interests and activities of our chapters from them. Some of the programs are very simple while others are quite elaborate and comprehensive. Most of them have been carried out in our colors of blue and gold and all contain the meeting dates and hostesses.

Delta Gamma's program contains both the formal and informal form of each member's name, her address and her telephone number, which seems to offer a very handy device for the use of busy officers and committee members.

Beta Psi of Delphi has an especially attractive and comprehensive booklet with blue cover and yellow pages. The cover contains the necessary identifying material, while inside there is a résumé of grand officers, chapter officials, chapter committees, chapter roll, the year's program, opening and closing sentences for meetings, our song, a memorial to deceased members and a closing verse which we quote:

"The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said.
The memory alone remains
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains,
And now with purpose full and clear,
We turn to meet another year."

The following editorial was snipped out of the Hammond Times and sent to us by Murlea Mulder who reports that in addition to being a newspaper editor, Thelma Meeker is the operator of a very popular tea room which is listed in Duncan Hines' book concerning good places to eat. Thelma is a member of the Crown Point group and has served on Grand Council in the capacity of Northern Province Chairman.

WOMAN EDITOR SPEAKS HER MIND

The Crown Point Register has the only woman newspaper editor in the county. She is Thelma Bibler Meeker, daughter of the late Allison P. Bibler, for many years editor of the paper and one of the most able newspaper men in Indiana of his era.

Editor Meeker under the heading, "We're Looking For a Man," says, "not because of the shortage of men; or because of any desire to go man-hunting,

The management of the Severin Hotel in which our convention was held in 1943 and again in 1944, extends greetings to all members of Psi Iota Xi and expresses regret that the exigencies of war make it necessary for plans to hold the 1945 convention in the hotel to be abandoned.

The hotel—like Psi Iota Xi—wishes to do everything possible to win the War and the Peace—and hopes to be able to entertain the sorority convention again at a later date.

but because we are, have been and will be (until we have found this man) skeptical of the so-called national polls of public opinion."

The Crown Point editor, or editress, asked if the polls aren't doing a great deal of harm to the American mind by placing them where they may become the tools of politicians.

Editor Meeker says for three years she has been diligently searching for a man who has been interviewed in one of these so-called polls and as yet has been unable to find one. She very sagely points out that in spite of the fact that Lake county is the crossroads of the nation and is credited with having the greatest proportion of men of any place in the world outside of an army camp or naval training station, she has failed to find a single man who ever talked with a pollster.

We hasten to the defense of the gentry the lady editor describes somewhat sarcastically as "pollsters." While we never encountered one we know of a Hammond attorney who did. At least he says he was interviewed by the accredited representative of a national poll some three months ago and we have no occasion to doubt the word of a prominent lawyer and the former president of the State Bar Association. We believe him.

As for the polls being the tools of politicians it must be remembered they only have to misfire once on a national election and blooey! Remember the Literary Digest and how it folded up after a bum presidential forecast?

The only voters who would possibly be influenced by a national poll are the vacillating and unthinking. Of course we are speaking in defense of the Gallup Poll and will agree with the Crown Point editor that by and large the polls are a nuisance. Whether there are enough vacillating and unthinking voters to decide an election we will be better able to judge in a day or so.

OUR OFFICIAL JEWELERS

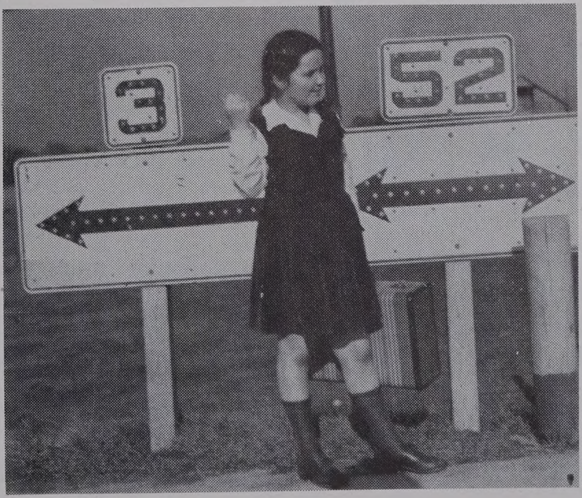
Inflationary prices do not concern Psi Otes for our official jewelers are proud of the fact that Psi Ote pins have not risen in price since the war—nor has there been any change in quality.

True—deliveries are not as prompt as before the war, but we fully appreciate the trials and tribulations of our official jewelers during these hectic days.

To assist Meyer & Alexander in handling orders it is suggested that orders be sent as far in advance as possible. To eliminate extra detail in handling orders, whenever possible, include the full remittance with your order.

Due to the uncertainty of obtaining quality merchandise, our official jewelers have issued no new catalog since December 1941. Chapters interested in purchasing crested jewelry as initiation gifts or for secret pals, need only write to Meyer & Alexander who in turn will cheerfully advise what articles are obtainable.

Meyer & Alexander have served us faithfully for twenty-five years. We look forward to their postwar plans when new catalogs will be distributed and their well known 48 hour service will be resumed.



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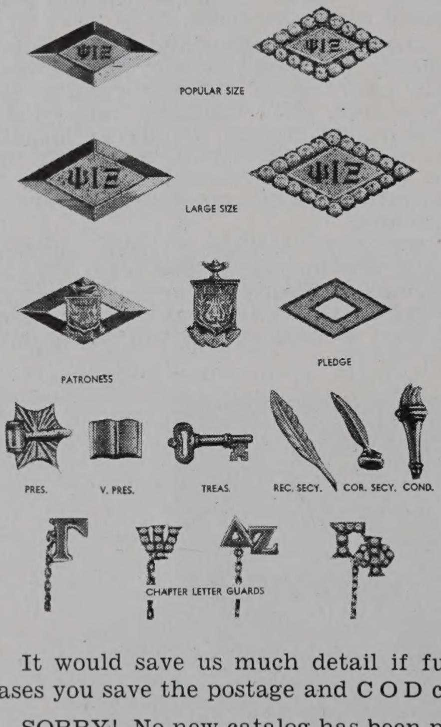

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